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## Riverside's Traffic Impact Study Needs Much Review & Revision Says Mayor

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

After an in-house review of a study commissioned by Riverside Park analyzing the traffic impact of the park's expansion project, town officials criticized the report for a lack of specifics on the scope of the expansion plans and for using traffic counts taken during the fall rather than during the park's high-traffic period in the summer.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson called the traffic study a "first step" that needs "major revisions," leaving the door open to the possibility that the town may still hire a traffic expert to review the report.

Johnson expects to meet with his department heads to prepare a list of suggestions for Riverside's consideration. "I've been in touch with park officials and they've reiterated their commitment to working with the community to solve the traffic problems," Johnson said. "The level of cooperation has been high since they purchased the park. They've evidenced a strong commitment to work with the community."

Riverside officials have promised to supply the town with a master plan detailing their development plans over the next three to five years, which

will give everyone a better idea of how to plan for the future, Johnson said.

In a joint memo sent to the Mayor, Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos, DPW Superintendent John P. Stone, and Police Chief Robert Campbell found that uncertainty over the size and scope of the park's expansion plans prevented them from doing an adequate review of the traffic study's methodology and recommendations.

Although the traffic study predicts annual attendance will increase from 1.2 to 1.4 million as a result of the expansion project, the memo notes, "When addressing future wastewater pumping station needs, Riverside projects two-million visitors per year."

Other shortcomings in the traffic impact study cited in the joint memo include:

- Failing to clearly define whether the purpose of the study is solely to analyze the traffic impact of the new water park or if the study covers other expansion scenarios.

- Limiting the area of the study to the section of Main Street running from the intersection of South Street to the park's driveways.

- Taking traffic counts during September and October rather than during the park's heavy summer attendance period.

### Memo Suggests Expanding Traffic Study Area...

In addition to recommending traffic counts be taken during peak attendance periods, the joint memo suggests expanding the traffic study area to include Route 57 and Main Street from the Route 57 exit to the Connecticut state line. The report also calls for information on the traffic impacts of concerts and special events if the park plans to hold such events in the future.

In his review of the traffic study, Town Engineer James T. Daley states that taking traffic counts during low-volume months was a major concern (since those numbers were used to determine that traffic signals are not needed).

Daley said the traffic study should include alternative traffic plans because the report indicates a substantial increase in traffic and increase in delay. "At present, with construction underway at parking lots, a traffic plan may be forced upon

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## Agawam Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale...



ON SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, the Agawam Garden Club held its annual plant sale on the grounds of the Captain Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam. Among the club members who were present for the sale were (from left to right) Terry Angotti, Barb Pemberton, Philomena O'Connor, Marcia Fleming, Denise Carmody, and Teresa Greenwood. (See story and additional photo on Page 9.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



## A Message To OUR Subscribers

We again wish to thank our many, many subscribers for their loyal readership and support over the past year.

We issued our annual renewal notices following the Memorial Day Weekend. To receive your discount, please forward your renewal notice before July 1st to Office Billing Ltd., Box 96, Agawam, MA 01001.

You may certainly bring your renewal notice to the office for payment as well (as a bunch of our subscribers have already done - one gentleman was waiting for us to reopen on Tuesday when we arrived at 5:30 a.m.).

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everyone which might not be the best one," Daley's memo states.

Johnson said he believes the traffic problems on Main Street caused by the expansion of the park will ultimately require Riverside to establish permanent satellite parking lots in nearby communities and utilize buses to bring patrons to the park.

"We're in the planning stage right now, but we have been discussing with the PVTa the possibility of satellite parking lots in Enfield or Windsor Locks or at the Big E, especially for peak volume days," Johnson said.

Another possibility to ease the traffic situation is the creation of a permanent third lane on Main Street in front of the park. "Eventually, Main Street will need to be widened in the area of the park to allow for more laneage," Johnson said. "I'm not talking about widening all the way down Main Street, but perhaps as far as the intersection of River Road."

At presstime, Riverside management could not be reached for comment.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Ch. 180 to allow for provisions to regulate "Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Board or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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# Councilors Thompson & Simpson Spearheading The Move... Proposed Zoning Ordinance Would Prohibit Adult Businesses From Certain Areas Of Town

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Undeterred by past failed attempts to enact an ordinance controlling adult businesses like X-rated video stores, movie theaters, and strip bars, Town Councilors Nancy Thompson and Jill Simpson are spearheading a move to limit where such businesses could locate.

"This is a very timely issue in Agawam," Ms. Thompson said. "Right now we do not have any ordinance regulating adult businesses, and that means any adult business could move in anywhere in a business zone."

Ms. Thompson said it was their intention to regulate where such businesses could locate rather than prevent adult businesses, which are protected under the U.S. Constitution and cannot be banned by any community.

Last month, the two councilors persuaded Town Council to act as the petitioners in order to start the process of adopting a zoning ordinance aimed at preventing adult businesses from locating within 1,000 feet of a residential zone, church, school, playground, or youth center.

The council voted 10-1 in favor of sending the ordinance to the Planning Board for review. Councilor Gina Letellier was the sole dissenter (on the grounds that a change in the zoning code should be reviewed by the council's zoning review committee, which she chairs, before the council agrees to act as the petitioner seeking a zoning change).

Last week, the Planning Board held its public hearing on the ordinance. While the board members seemed to concur with Chairman Charles Calabrese's assessment that the ordinance was a "good job covering the issues well," some changes were suggested in the wording of the measure.

## Incorporating Safety Concerns...

Planning Board member Geoffrey MacDonald recommended incorporating the safety concerns raised by Fire Chief Dave Pisano to ensure that efforts to block visual access from the outside into an adult entertainment business would not hinder

emergency personnel from entering the premises.

Mrs. Simpson said the requirements of the ordinance could be met by using foggy glass windows or blinds to prevent the public, particularly children, from seeing into an adult business. "I don't have a problem with adding Chief Pisano's suggestions," Mrs. Simpson said.

Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos displayed a map showing seven areas that could be home to an adult business based solely on the restriction of 1,000 feet from a residential zone, without taking into consideration the 1,000-foot buffer from parks, churches, and youth centers.

Among the areas included on the map were Bondi's Island, Riverside Park, Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle, the Meadows, and the area around Silver Street and Shoemaker Lane.

Former Building Inspector Joseph Conte suggested changing the restriction that prevents an adult business from locating within 1,000 feet of a "residential zoning district" to "any district designated for a residential use." Conte said the new language would extend protection from adult businesses to agricultural zones and business areas like Springfield Street.

At their June 4th meeting, board members are expected to vote on their recommendations for Town Council's consideration.

The council will hold a public hearing on the ordinance at its June 15th meeting. After reviewing the Planning Board's recommendations, the council will then have 90 days to act on the measure.

Sponsored by Councilors Mrs. Simpson and Ms. Thompson, the ordinance requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for adult entertainment uses in addition to limiting where those businesses can locate.

Attending the Planning Board on an unrelated matter, Riverside Park General Manager Bill Muirhead indicated "no way" would the park be a possible location for an adult business.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Riverside Has Good Ideas For Dealing With Traffic

#### To The Editor:

I am writing in support of the efforts being made by Riverside Park to build a walkway over Main Street and to add additional parking.

I am resident of Sunnyslope Avenue and I have been inconvenienced many times by the traffic from the park. I sincerely appreciate the efforts being made by the park to fix the traffic problem.

I think the walkway and the parking area will be a wise and effective solution to the problems. Foot traffic is one of the biggest problems the park is being faced with at the moment and the only way this can be fixed is by installing the walkway.

So please think of us, the residents, who are most affected by these problems when these permits are voted on by the appropriate boards.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Diane Juzba  
Agawam

### Residents & Businesses On Parade Route Are Lauded

#### To The Editor:

Anyone attending the Memorial Day parade and the ceremonies at Veterans' Green could not help but experience a large measure of civic pride for the efforts of so many who made it a truly memorable Memorial Day.

In addition to the spectacular array of flags lining the parade route, many flags were patriotically and attractively displayed throughout the entire town. The Beautification Committee wishes to extend a special thanks to all of those along the parade route who made a special effort this year to make it an attractive avenue for all to see.

The kind of civic spirit and volunteerism that has developed in our town is illustrated by the actions of some such as the family of Don Nooney, who live at the corner of Main and Edward Streets. In anticipation of the parade, he went and bought a whiskey barrel which he planted with flowers and placed at the corner in the treebelt the night before. Further, on the day of the parade, as the first of the marchers were just coming into view, he could be found scurrying about finishing the planting of flowers around the base of the three trees also in the treebelt on the Main Street side of his house.

This year, Larry Burris, of Larry's Mobil at 325 Main, made a special effort to beautify and plant the front treebelt area of his service station. Beekman Place Estates completely rejuvenated and replanted their entrance island, which fronts on Main Street. The Fish family of 676 Main, across from Veterans' Green, had their flowering plants and floral patriotic displays prepared in their glory prior to the parade.

Unfortunately, because of space, all who made the effort to make the parade route attractive cannot be individually named, including those business and residential regulars who have responded to our call in the past and who continue to make improvements each year. We do, however, feel a special thanks should go to the Junior Women's Club who, for the past three years, have "adopted" the Veterans' Green. Each year they have made improvements to the gazebo area, and this year had some tulips in bloom for the first early spring public events at Agawam's most public outdoor area.

On behalf of the town of Agawam, we thank you all.

John Zebryk and Councilor George Bitzas  
for the Agawam Beautification Committee

### "Clarifying" The Eighth Grade Year-End Celebration

#### To The Editor:

As this academic year comes to a close, so does the Agawam Junior High School PTO with our last sponsored event, the 8th Grade Celebration.

This year's event is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 12th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bob Raina has agreed to serve as DJ. As mentioned in our news notes, there are *three basic NOs* ... NO Gowns! NO Limos! NO Tuxedos! Apparently,

these three NOs have created some confusion among parents who have asked for clarification ... and thus this letter.

For the past several years, the PTO has been attempting to provide an end-of-the-year event that most 8th graders would attend, thus the name change from the 8th Grade Dance to 8th Grade Celebration, a time to get together as a class and have fun. This name change has been consistent with the desire to move away from an event some perceive as a "semi-formal" or "prom-like."

In last month's PTO notes column, it was suggested that students "dress appropriately." If not a semi-formal, then is it casual? It is somewhere in the middle of these two points. Yes, one may go without a date. Certainly those who wish to wear a dress may ... but one does not have to buy one. Should boys wear a shirt and tie? Again, the intent of the "celebration" is to provide an event where all 8th graders have a good time ... wearing one's best may not be the same as another's ... thus, dress appropriately.

Tickets go on sale Monday, June 1st through Wednesday, June 10th during the lunch periods. The tickets are \$1.00 each with the entire proceeds going to a local charity so designated by the class.

I hope this letter has served to clarify this year's "celebration." Should any 8th grade parent have further questions or concerns, please direct them to Mr. Costanzi at the Junior High School or myself.

Sincerely,  
J. Patrick Decoteau, President  
Agawam Jr. High School PTO

### "Adult" Establishments Are Wrong For Agawam

#### To The Editor:

How many times have I heard, "The children are our future?"

What direction or message are we sending our

children today when we plan to allow nude dance clubs, x-rated bookstores, and other so-called adult businesses?

For 40 years, I've been proud to be a resident of Agawam (at least most of them). Now, with the coming of violence and sex on TV, movies, and the Internet, why do we need any of these establishments to corrupt our young people?

Is it because someone doesn't care how their business affects our young people? Why do adults sell drugs to kids, starting at the elementary school level? Anyone who has any morals would not think about setting up any of these businesses in our town. Are we going to let this happen?

In regard to the article in the *Union News* dated May 22, 1998, I would like to express my own personal opinion on this matter.

Of the seven acres that are being considered for these businesses, I find four that shouldn't even come to mind. Wherever you have an area where young people gather, I feel it's an unacceptable place, such as Suffield Street (McDonald's), Walnut Street Extension and Ramah Circle (too close to a part of Agawam that is heavily populated with children), and the Riverside Park area (infested with children and young people).

Not only does Riverside have neighbors such as a "Sports Bar" and "Riverside Liquors" just outside of the Main Gate, now you want to add an adult business. I thought we are already having enough problems in that area with traffic, etc.

Fellow citizens on the Planning Board, please think this through. We are already overfilling the jails and prisons, our children are under psychiatric care, and we are struggling with children having babies. Why would you even consider this law in our town — "who will take care of our children's children?"

Let's keep our town clean and decent and honorable. We already have enough problems with drinking and drugs.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Stepanik  
Feeding Hills

## Senator Melconian Announces Initiative For Unemployment Insurance & Training Fund

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced a Senate proposed initiative to provide an \$80 million reduction in employer unemployment insurance rates and to create a new workforce training fund to be established with \$18 million collected in concert with UI payments.

"The strength of our economy and our unemployment trust fund allow us to cut unemployment insurance rates for employers while at the same time creating a more skilled and productive workforce," Melconian said. "We must build on our prosperity and strive to produce educated, highly trained workers."

Financed by the unemployment insurance trust payments, the workforce training fund would allocate grants directly to employers, employer groups, labor organizations, and training providers for the training and education of either current workers or newly hired ones.

In addition, the Senate Ways & Means budget to be debated on the Senate floor next week includes several education and training initiatives designed to improve and upgrade the strength of our workforce. The Senate budget seeks to provide a \$14 million increase in funding for adult basic education, a 70 percent increase. The pro-

gram would enable more people to obtain a GED, or acquire basic learning or employment skills.

For individuals seeking higher educational training, the Senate proposal provides universal access to community colleges in Massachusetts, at a cost of no more than \$500 a year. Through federal scholarships, state grants, and federal tax cuts, a family earning less than \$36,000 could send their child to a community college at no net cost. An \$8 million increase in the Senate budget for state cash grants would make a community college education affordable to anyone.

"The greatest resource we have in Massachusetts is our young people. The best legacy we can give them is a solid education, essential for success in life," Melconian said. "This innovative program would assure that no one will be denied the availability of a college education simply because he or she cannot afford one."

"These important initiatives are excellent examples of exactly what a public/private partnership can accomplish," Melconian said. "In a thriving economy, we are reducing business costs; simultaneously, we are improving the training opportunities for our young people to compete for the jobs of the 21st century."

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## Town's Beautification Committee Launches Its 1998 Program

At its May 19th meeting, the Agawam Beautification Committee concluded its plans for the 1998 season. In a short time, many of our streets and public areas will receive that colorful burst of floral beauty which so many of us look forward to each year.

The Beautification Committee is made up of citizen volunteers who devote a great deal of their personal time and energy for the sole purpose of making Agawam a more attractive place to live. It operates on a very small public budget and its many accomplishments are only made possible by many other individuals and businesses who adopt, contribute flowers or services, or make monetary donations.

The program for this year calls for the planting of 13 large planters or flower beds strategically located around town as well as the placement of 41 flower barrels. The committee also administers a replacement tree program which includes a Memorial Tree program proven popular with many Agawam residents. Perhaps its most ambitious undertaking is the gateway project whereby the three major entrances to town will be enhanced.

Also to be continued this year is the very successful cooperation with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce whereby individual businesses are encouraged to improve the appearance of their property and those that do receive a joint public salute from the Committee and the Chamber.

Expanded activities this year call for the placement of three new flower barrels at the corner of School and Main Streets (to complement the much-used Veterans' Green across the street); the enhancement of the flower beds at the Anne Sullivan Memorial in Feeding Hills (aided by a \$400 donation of the Agawam Rotary), and the planning for the Main Street entrance to the new



**MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Beautification Committee (from left to right): John Zebryk, Rick Bellico, June Quinn, Zoafia Demko, Town Councilor George Bitzas, Paul Rannenberg, Helen Lawrenchuk, and Helen Krupczak.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Veterans' Cemetery.

Zoafia Demko continues many years of selfless public service as Chairperson of the Committee. She said, "Some of us who have been around for a while can no longer do all that needs doing and that is why I am so appreciative of those many in town who volunteer as adopters and support our efforts."

City Councilor George Bitzas, who also serves on the Committee, said, "I don't mind spending some of my scarce personal time working on com-

mittee projects. There is very little controversy associated with beautification efforts. The people in town and the businesses are very cooperative, my colleagues on the committee are dedicated and hardworking, and the results of our efforts are quite immediate and are there for the whole town to see and enjoy."

Those wishing to learn more of the Beautification Committee's activities, become an "adopter," or serve on the Beautification Committee as a full-time or ad hoc member are asked to call June Quinn at 786-0400, ext 246.

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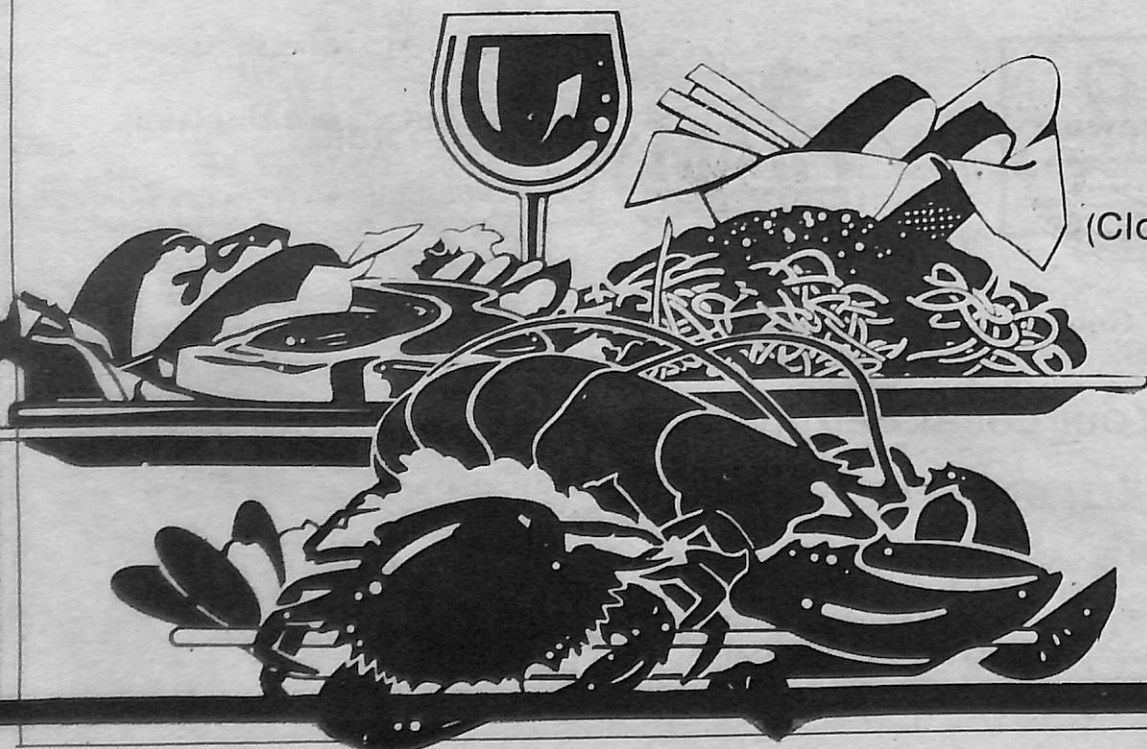
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by Fire Chief David Pisano  
Fire Safety On The Job

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- Are flammable liquids stored in metal containers, with tight-fitting lids especially designed for flammable liquid storage?
- Are flammable liquids stored away from heat sources?
- Are adequate electrical receptacles provided so that overloaded circuits are avoided?
- Does your place of employment have an emergency fire escape procedure that is periodically reviewed and practiced by all employees?
- Are hallways kept clear of trash or furnishings that could block an exitway in an emergency?
- Are appropriate fire extinguishers easily accessible to all employees in case a fire occurs?
- Are the fire extinguishers regularly inspected and maintained? Do all employees receive instruction on the proper operation of a fire extinguisher?

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For June 1st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/18/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
- (a) Resolutions
  1. TR-98-19- A Resolution to amend Rules and Regulations - Town Council Regulations No. 1 Class II Dealer License (Rules and Reg. Comm.).
  2. TR-98-20- A Resolution to Accept the Provisions of Mass. Gen. Laws. Chapter 32B, Paragraph 9D (Mayor).
  3. TR-98-21- A Resolution to encourage the Commonwealth of Mass. to assume the unfunded Pension Liability for all Hampden County Retirees and Employees (Pres. Rheault).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
  - None.
9. Public Hearings
  - None.
10. Old Business
  - (a)
    1. TO-98-27-Voucher List (\$22.20).

## Bonavita Pleased With First Meeting For Malone's Campaign

The first organizational meeting for Joe Malone for Governor Campaign in Agawam was held on May 17, 1998. Local Agawam coordinator Anthony C. Bonavita said he was excited by the enthusiasm sparked by the campaign's potential for success.

Bonavita said, "It was a great first meeting. Everyone agreed that Joe Malone brings his charisma and zeal into the Republican Primary. We are all thrilled with Joe Malone, and the great job he has done as State Treasurer for two terms."

The first organizational meeting was a planning session for the Agawam campaign.

Bonavita concluded, "We intend to run a positive, upbeat campaign. Our team concept will be inclusive, not exclusive. I am very pleased and grateful to the following people who have pledged their help: City Councilor John Negrucci, Susan Euliano, F. William Euliano, Vincent Callahan, Adele Bonavita, and former city councilor Joseph Langone."

Anyone else willing to help Joe Malone in the Republican Primary for Governor can contact Bonavita at 786-2079.

## Senate Passes Teen Driving Bill

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced unanimous Senate passage recently of legislation to impose additional safety restrictions on young drivers in the Commonwealth.

"When our kids turn 16, oftentimes we give them the keys and wish them luck. This approach is simply not working," Melconian said, citing statistics which show that "46 percent of 16 year-olds and 23 percent of 17 year-olds are involved in motor vehicle accidents."

Under the legislation, junior operators under the age of 18 would be required to complete a driver's education program, as well as 10 hours of driver training with a parent or guardian. Once a permit is obtained, the individual must have six months of at-fault crash free driving before a Junior Operator's license can be obtained. Junior operators would be prohibited from driving from 12:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Currently, the restricted hours are 1:00-4:00 a.m.

The legislation, which has received initial passage from the House of Representatives, would also prevent teens from transporting other teens during the first six months of the Junior Operating License without a licensed adult 21 years of age or older in the vehicle. Melconian inserted an amendment during Senate debate which would allow Junior Operators to transport family members who may be under 18.

"It is a reasonable exemption to allow a Junior Operator to drive his or her sibling to a soccer practice, to the library, to work, or in the case of a medical emergency," Melconian said. "This will provide essential flexibility to families, especially working parents."

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM APPROVED ORDINANCE TOR-98-3

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 144, SECTION 114-8 ENTITLED "NUMBER OF LICENSES RESTRICTED" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

(PROPOSED BY COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS)

WHEREAS, the further limitation of Class 2 dealer licenses through attrition within the Town of Agawam will improve the overall appearance of the Town of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, the further limitation of Class 2 dealer licenses through attrition will not affect any existing Class 2 license holders within the Town of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, the further limitation of Class 2

### LEGAL NOTICE

## 'Household Hazardous Waste Collection' Is Slated For June 6th

The Town of Agawam will hold its annual "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day," Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (by appointment only), at the Agawam High School parking lot, Cooper St.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid. **Proof of Agawam residency will be required.**

#### WHAT TO BRING:

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Dated this 20th day of May, 1998.

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Anne Lussier

Anne (Lozoski) Lussier, formerly of Agawam, died Monday, May 25th, in East Longmeadow.

Born on November 28, 1916 in Worcester, she moved to Agawam in 1950. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alphonse Lussier, founder of General Saw & Lawnmower in Springfield, and a daughter, Maryann.

She leaves her son, Paul, and his wife, Joan, of Agawam; a son, Kenneth of Agawam; a daughter, Lorraine Dutil, and her husband, John, of Springfield; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandson.

The funeral mass was held Thursday, May 28th, at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Springfield, with burial in Agawam Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Walter E. Drewnowski

Walter W. Drewnowski, 69, of Suffield, died at home.

He was a manager at Lewis Beef Co. of Springfield, MA.

Born in Feeding Hills, he was graduated from Agawam High School in 1946, and played semi-professional football for the Agawam Brownies.

He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church, and a past president of the Agawam Polish Club and the Airways Golf Course Senior Golf League.

He leaves his wife, Evelyn J. Drewnowski; two sons, Walter E. Jr. of Suffield, and Theodore of Enfield; three daughters, Jeanne Christensen of Windsor, Deborah Kellogg of New Hartford, and Elizabeth Doyle of West Springfield; three brothers; three sisters; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at the church, with the burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home and Community Health Services-Hospice, 140 Hazard Avenue, Enfield, CT 06082.

### Peter J. Pepper

Peter J. ("Pepe") Pepper, 80, of 61 Memorial Drive, Feeding Hills, died at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

He was a 12-year heavy-equipment operator for the city of Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a Cathedral High School graduate, a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and a 40-year resident of Feeding Hills.

He was a World War II Army Air Forces veteran, and received a Victory Medal and a bronze service star.

He leaves his wife, Rose M. (Cosenzi) Pepper; two sons, Peter J. Jr. of Maine, and Michael B. of San Jose, California; two daughters, Denise M. Cunningham of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, and Donna M. Sullivan of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Joseph Pepe of Agawam, and Anthony Pepe of West Springfield; five sisters, Mildred Landry of West Springfield, Rose Goddard of Springfield,

Cora Dagenais and Mary Calvanese of Agawam, and Gloria Howard of Enfield; and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the church, with the burial at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

### John H. Flaskamper

John H. Flaskamper, 89, of 102 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, died at a local nursing home.

He was the retired vice president of sales for American Bosch Corp.

Born in Germany, he came to this country in 1934, and lived in California and Springfield before moving to Florida 19 years ago.

He was a Mason, and belonged to the Springfield Country Club and the Springfield Turnverein.

He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Gerda Kloth, in 1987, and his second, the former Mary Wilcoxen, last April.

He leaves a son, John E. of Bethlehem, New Hampshire; two daughters, Lee Mercer and Lynne Anderson of Feeding Hills; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A private funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### William P. Faragher

William P. Faragher, 79, of 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died on Wednesday, May 20th, in his home.

He was a government employee for 33 years, serving as a comptroller and a director for administration and services for the Sioux Army Depot in Sidney, Nebraska, for 16 years, and later at the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas, for 14 years until he retired in 1973.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, he lived in Nebraska and Texas and later in Bull Shoals, Arkansas, for 18 years until moving to Agawam one year ago.

He was a member of the Edinborough, Scotland Masonic Lodge Number 1, and a former member of the Bull Shoals, Arkansas Rotary and the Bull Shoals Presbyterian Church.

He also served on the Bull Shoals City Council and the Water & Sewer Commission.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving with the 1020th division of Squadron A for 3½ years in India.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth (Fyfe) Faragher, and a son, William B. Faragher, of Burlington, Connecticut.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, May 27th, at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam.

### Madine A. LeBarron

Madine A. LeBarron, 95, formerly of Tilden House in Barre, Vermont, died on Monday, December 29, 1997 at the home of her daughter, Rose Brouwer, on Peros Drive in Agawam, where she has resided since 1985.

Born in East Montpelier, Vermont, on August

22, 1902, she was the daughter of James and Nancy (Findley) Rodgers. She attended school in East Montpelier.

On September 29, 1928, she married Truman LeBarron in Plainfield, Vermont. The couple made their home in East Montpelier and Barre. He died on October 5, 1961.

In earlier years, Mrs. LeBarron was involved with in-home care for those who were in need in the Central Vermont area. She was a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose Auxiliary of Barre.

Survivors include her daughter, Rose M. Brouwer of Agawam; two grandchildren, Joy Otani of Springfield, MA, and Jan Brouwer of Agawam; a sister, Nancy Perry of Bradford, Vermont; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Ray Rodgers and John Rodgers, and two sisters, Avis Drown and Rose Leslie.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 30th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Plain-Mont Cemetery in East Montpelier. There are no calling hours.

The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy Street, Barre, is in charge of the arrangements.

### Virginia M. Consolati

Virginia M. (Ressia) Consolati, 93, formerly of 59 Cooley Street, Agawam, died at local nursing home.

She was a designer at Lillian's Flower Shop for 45 years, and retired in 1990.

Born in Italy, she lived in Agawam most of her life, and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband, Charles Consolati, died in 1962.

She leaves a daughter, Carol Lunder of Agawam; four sisters, Ecla Sheehan of West Hartford, Rose Woodruff and Beatrice Hoar of Agawam, and Lillian Zajac of Springfield; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A private funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the church at 108 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### Marie M. Dalla Pegorara

Marie M. (Monty) Dalla Pegorara, 78, of Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in St. Cesaire, Quebec, Canada, she attended Springfield schools and lived in Agawam from 1948.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and belonged to the Golden Agers, the Senior Center, and the center's bowling and pool leagues.

She leaves her husband of 55 years, Albino V. Dalla Pegorara; three daughters, Elaine M. Smith of Agawam, Theresa O'Shaughnessy of Springfield, and Diane Dalla Pegorara of Sisters, Oregon; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, May 29th, at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. The calling hours will be held during the afternoon and evening on Thursday, May 28th.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



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## Tackling Traffic Woes... Riverside Wants A Bridge Over Troubled Main Street

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Two weeks after Planning Board members complained about their lack of involvement in the ongoing expansion of Riverside Park, particularly in the planning of the water park, company officials are promising to keep the board as informed as possible about their plans in the future. Next on the expanding park's agenda: a bridge over troubled Main Street.

At last week's Planning Board meeting, Riverside General Manager Bill Muirhead agreed that the town planners should be well-informed on the park's expansion plans and promised yearly updates from corporate headquarters each fall.

"We've only owned the park for 14 months and I thought we were following the protocol established by the Carroll family," Muirhead said. "Early in the fall, our chief executive officer will come here and give you a layout of what we're planning for 1999 and beyond, if possible. And then every fall, we'll come back with our plans for expansion."

Muirhead also promised to submit to the Planning Board a complete plan showing all of the improvements that have been made at the park to date. He extended an open invitation to the board members to visit the park to see the work that's been done.

Stung by criticism from board members alleging the town was not being strict enough in its review of Riverside projects, Planning Director Deborah S. Dachos said she was reluctant to continue initialing building permits even for projects like facades or restaurants in the park without the board's approval. Asking the board for direction, Ms. Dachos added to their agenda requests for moving a gazebo and installing an ATM at the park.

But, the board members said they did not need to review projects that would not result in attracting more patrons to the park.

Member Edward Shibley said, "We'll leave it up to your discretion and review, but I suggest you make a few phone calls to board members before deciding if something should come before the board."

### Reaffirms Initial Approval Of Site Plan...

Although Riverside's plan to pave a portion of the overflow parking lot on the west side of Main Street was denied by the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board reaffirmed its initial approval of the site plan with member Dennis Hopkins upholding his vote against the plan. Hopkins reiterated his opposition, questioning the legality of the Planning Board's action and whether the project should be subject to review by the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA).

According to Muirhead, Riverside will continue to park cars on the existing unpaved lot while their appeal of the Conservation Commission's decision is under review by MEPA.

On Thursday, May 28th, Riverside was scheduled to ask the Zoning Board of Appeals for a special use permit to build a tram and pedestrian bridge over Main Street. This is part of the company's three-phase plan to solve the traffic backups that have plagued the park and Main Street residents three times during special events over the last year. At presstime, a public hearing was scheduled for 6:45 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Last week, Muirhead told the Planning Board the bridge is a key component of their plan to avoid traffic backing up on Main Street by getting park patrons from the parking lot on the west side of Main Street into the park, without stopping the flow of traffic past the park.

Made of pre-cast concrete, the prefabricated bridge will be 32 feet wide to accommodate tram traffic as well as sidewalks for pedestrians. The bridge will have a span of 80 feet to allow for the possibility of widening Main Street by two lanes in front of the park to improve traffic flow in the future.

Muirhead said the bridge can be put up overnight and won't affect traffic flow during construction. The theming and design for the bridge's facade will be incorporated into the Beautification Committee's gateway project and will be subject to the committee's approval.

"We'll build whatever you want to see," Muirhead told the Planning Board.

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## No Cuts Proposed By Its Three Members...

## Council Sub-Committee Okays Mayor's Spending Plan For Four Areas Of Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A portion of the town's operating budget for next year totaling \$8.7 million received the stamp of approval from a Town Council budget sub-committee meeting on Tuesday morning.

Spending plans for the Department of Public Works, including DPW administration, the Highway Department, engineering, motor vehicle maintenance, and the Water and Sewer Departments, along with Building Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, and the Public Library, gained approval with no cuts proposed by the three-member committee.

Committee Chairwoman, Councilor Nancy Thompson, congratulated Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on a budget message that was "very well put together and very complete." Committee members, including Council Vice-President Robert Magovern and Councilor George Bitzas, agreed, giving the areas of the Mayor's \$48.1 million budget under their review a unanimous green light.

Johnson said the increases in the DPW administration budget reflected only step increases in salaries, although money has been set aside in the budget for negotiating raises with the town's bargaining units. Contracts for the various unions expire at the end of the June.

Johnson said the Highway Department budget includes funding for an additional laborer in order for the creation of a sidewalk maintenance team. Two seasonal positions will also be added to the sidewalk crew. After exploring the option of hiring a private contractor for sidewalk maintenance, Johnson said the town could get more work done at a lower cost by creating an in-house team for the chore.

"This doesn't mean we're going to be expanding sidewalks all over town," Johnson said. "We'll be maintaining the sidewalks we already have. Our first and foremost goal is to get our sidewalks in shape on the main streets that have heavy utilization of sidewalks and where schoolchildren walk to school."

In the Engineering Department, Johnson is proposing to add a civil engineering position to keep up with the workload and to make better use of town funding by utilizing in-house staff to funnel more money into construction projects (rather than contracting for engineering services).

At a cost of about \$40,000, Johnson is proposing to add a full-time plumbing inspector to split time between the Water Department and the Inspection Services Department in order to comply with new state regulations and provide improved services to residential problems related to breaks in water mains.

No additional personnel are being proposed for the Sewer Department, but the impact of the federally-mandated project splitting combined sewers and storm drains will result in an increase in sewer rates in January.

"Due to the mandates of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Combined Sewer Overflow project, there is no way to avoid an increase in sewer rates," Johnson said. "We're working on a rate study and trying to figure the positive impact of the Berkshire Power project on the water and sewer rates."

Johnson said the discharge of wastewater at the Berkshire Power plant will have a positive impact on the sewer rates by diluting the toxicity of the effluent discharged by the industrial zone to the Bondi's Island wastewater treatment center, thereby resulting in a lower cost to the community.

### Three Junior Building Custodians...

In the area of Building Maintenance, Johnson is proposing to hire three junior building custodians to supply janitorial services to the 70,000 square feet of space being added onto the four elementary schools and the High School. In order to provide cleaning services to the school additions, the town will also be spending more in the way of janitorial supplies, Johnson said.

At the library, no personnel additions are slated for next year, but money has been included in the budget to upgrade an associate librarian to the position of research librarian.

No additional staff is planned for the Parks and Recreation Department, but Johnson said an assistant for Park & Rec. Director Mary Keller would be needed in the future to allow Ms. Keller to spend more time on long-range planning rather than on running existing programs.

Town Council will hold a public hearing on the entire town budget at its June 15th meeting. Three other council sub-committees are expected to schedule meetings prior to the public hearing.

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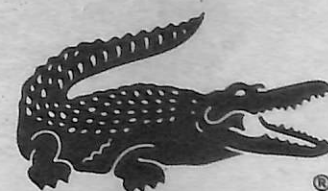


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**AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS**  
Judy Clini and Kathy Norris with just a couple of the items that were for sale at the club's annual plant sale, which took place on Saturday, May 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Garden Club Holds Its Annual Plant Sale

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

With the sunny weather cooperating and the enthusiasm of the members, the Agawam Garden Club's annual plant sale on Saturday, May 16th, was a huge success, according to Barbara Pemberton, club president.

From 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, guests mulled among the assortment of annuals and perennials, while some were interested in the herbs and vegetables.

The bright colors of the flowers, especially the hanging plants, and the fragrance emanating from the baked goods table created a festive ambience. Some guests even placed orders for plants that the club promised to secure for them.

Kathy Norris and Judith Clini were co-chairwomen of the sale and were assisted by many club members. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for club projects and for a scholarship to be awarded in June.

A bus trip to Vermont, set for June 13th, is the club's next activity. The primary destination is Hildene, home of the family of Todd Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln. The beautiful estate and gardens are popular with tourists.

The trip will include lunch at the Wilburton Inn (referred to as a castle) and a stop at Equinox Valley Nurseries, whose claim to fame is that they have 10,000 perennials.

There are still a few empty seats on the bus for the trip. Anyone interested in going can call Terry at 786-6482 or Barbara at 562-1507 for further information.

## Donations Sought For Mud Slide Victims In Italy

Guiseppe Polimeni, with the Italian Consulate in Springfield, is currently in charge of a fundraising drive to support the mud slide victims in Italy.

The towns to benefit from this drive are Sarno, Quindici, and Bracigliano, and the proceeds will help those who have experienced property damage and those who have been displaced from their homes.

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## Families



**AHS TEACHER Dawn Fisher (left) receives a check from Ann Woodard of the Agawam Junior Women's Club. The donation was made on behalf of the Missionaries of Charity to continue Mother Teresa's work in Calcutta.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### AHS Teacher Speaks About Calcutta At Jr. Women's Meeting

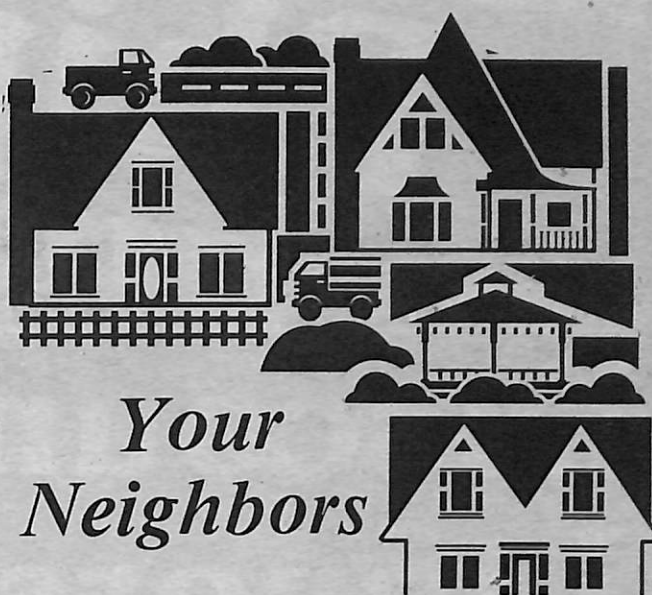
At the May meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, Dawn Fisher, a teacher at the Agawam High School, presented a program on her trip to Calcutta.

After college graduation, Dawn spent six months in Calcutta working with Mother Teresa. The living conditions were deplorable with rats, lizards, and pollution a common occurrence. The water was not drinkable so she had to rely on an orange or cola-type soft drink.

While in Calcutta, Dawn worked at the "Home for the Dying," a facility started by Mother Teresa to allow the elderly to die with dignity rather than on the streets. Dawn spent 45 minutes each way in a very overcrowded bus to get to her job. She also spent some of her time working with the children at the orphanage. Mother Teresa would only allow the volunteers to work four days per week. Dawn commented that with conditions as they were, the volunteers often needed to get away.

Mother Teresa felt that if her work was to continue, "the money would come." The Agawam Junior Women's Club was pleased to present a check to Dawn for the Missionaries of Charity to continue the work of Mother Teresa.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.



### Ed Kellogg Dedicates His Time And Energy To Veterans' Events

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Edward Kellogg, president of the Agawam Veterans' Council, is a retired Vietnam-era veteran. He wonders why more local veterans do not participate in local veterans' organizations and activities.

Given the number of veterans of all wars who live in Agawam, he expressed surprise upon learning of the small number who belong to local veterans' organizations.

"We need these people," Kellogg said in a recent interview, "to help us maintain veterans' rights and benefits."

The purpose of the Veterans' Council is to give assistance and counsel to Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas. About six years ago, Mrs. Bitzas requested a council to assist her in making arrangements and carrying out veterans' activities, primarily the flagging of graves and the Memorial Day and Veterans' Day activities.

Kellogg was recently retired after 20 years in the Coast Guard (Sept. 1969-Oct. 1989) and he was one of five persons to volunteer. He has been Veterans' Council president for four years. Ed said he had not previously belonged to any veterans' organization, but as a retired serviceman who had always been interested in his community, he wanted to help. Just two years ago, he joined American Legion Post 185, Agawam.

#### 20 Years Of Service

A native of Feeding Hills, Kellogg graduated from Agawam High School and attended college for one year. In 1969, the draft was still on and he said his number was coming up, so he enlisted in the Coast Guard and served on the Atlantic Coast (New Jersey to Florida) for the next 20 years.

As a child, Ed's family had a summer home on the coast of Maine and he loved the shore and the ocean. He said he chose the Coast Guard because he considered it a humanitarian service because the Coast Guard protects the water entrances to this country and does rescue work.

*Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.*



**EDWARD KELLOGG**

Before entering the service, Ed taught swimming at the YMCA and was a camp counselor and water ski instructor at Lake Norwich. He also has played or coached soccer, basketball, and softball.

After basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, Ed spent two years on the Barnagat Light Ship, 16 miles off the coast of Barnagat, New Jersey. This ship serves as a beacon for ocean-going vessels and directs them toward New York Harbor. There was also rescue work involving private boats and some from fishing fleets.

"Some boats capsize because of too much weight, often from their catch, turbulent seas, and sometimes icing up," Ed explained. He spent five years with the Cape May Search and Rescue Station doing similar work.

For much of his career, Kellogg said he worked on Drug Interdiction, Maritime Law Enforcement, and police work. He was sent to Tampa, Florida to work with boater safety regulations education. Out of Sarasota, Florida, he was an executive officer on the 82-foot patrol boat, "Point Thatcher." The boat was involved in seizure of drugs around Key West and the Gulf of Mexico. "We intercepted tons of marijuana," he said.

Describing the procedure, Kellogg said his crew observed boats off the southeastern coast, and when convinced a boat carried contraband, the Coast Guard moved in, seized the boat, and arrested the captain and crew. They took such boats to the nearest U.S. port that had customs and immigration people.

Married in 1972, Ed said his family traveled with him. He has a son, David, and a daughter, Tracy, and he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin R. Kellogg of North Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

#### Enjoys Antiques & Snow-Skiing

Ed is currently maintenance supervisor for a 200-unit apartment complex in Amherst. He enjoys antiques and snow-skiing. He has worked with Mrs. Bitzas and the Veterans' Council in developing the Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam and he said the council hopes to see an "avenue of American flags" stretching from Southworth Paper Co. to the Veterans' Cemetery along Main Street during parades. "Completion of this will take a few more years," Kellogg said.

Ed was master of ceremonies at this year's Memorial Day observance at Veterans' Park, School and Main Streets, this past Monday.

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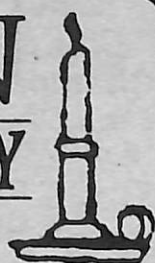
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## “Beautifying” At Heritage Hall...



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## Barbecue At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills is sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday evening, June 6th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Club.

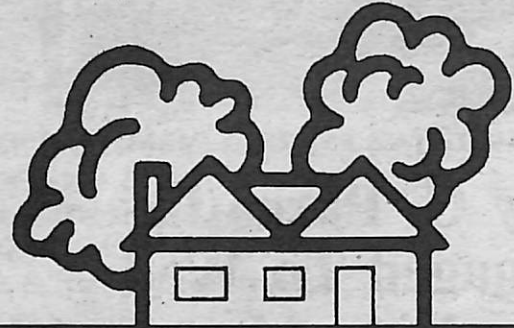
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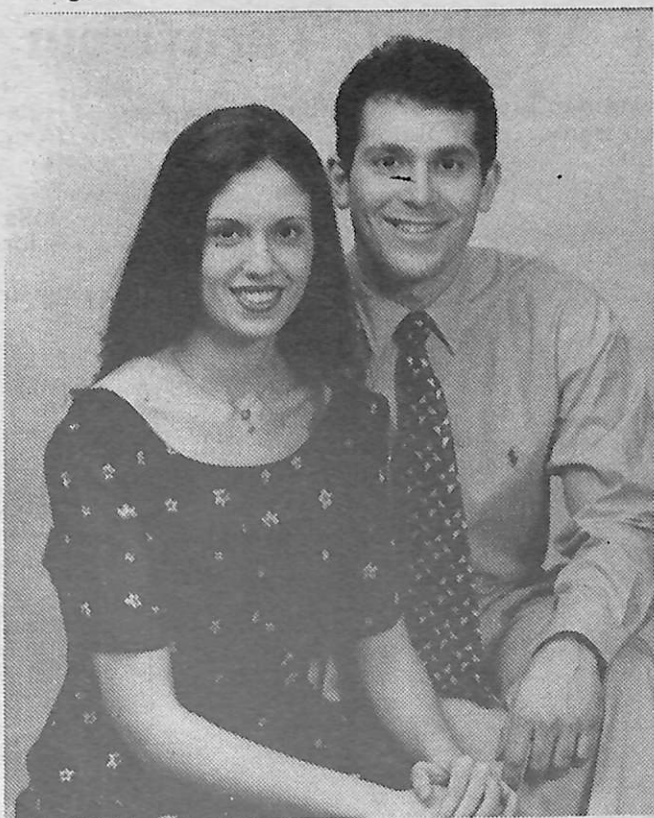


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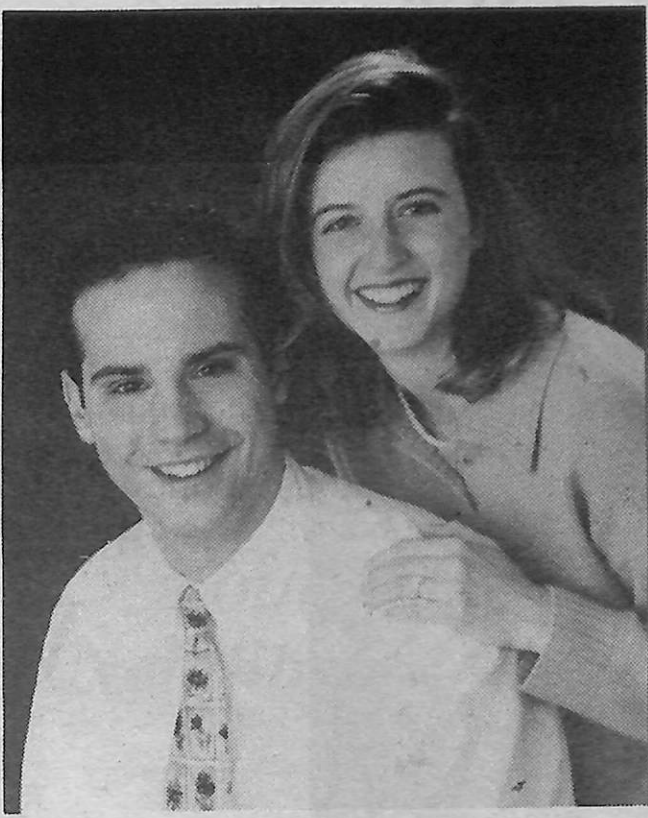
## Mary C. Parrotta Is Engaged To Wed Enrico Nino Manes

Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Parrotta of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary C. Parrotta, to Enrico Nino Manes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Manes of Feeding Hills.

Enrico is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1994 graduate of UMass Amherst. He is currently continuing his education at Purdue University in Indiana for Mechanical Engineering.

Mary is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School. She attended Westfield State College for two years for Early Childhood Education, and will transfer to Purdue University in the fall.

Mary and Enrico will wed on July 31, 1998.



JERRY A. PARROTTA &amp; CHRISTINE DICKSON

## Christine Dickson To Become Bride Of Gerald A. Parrotta

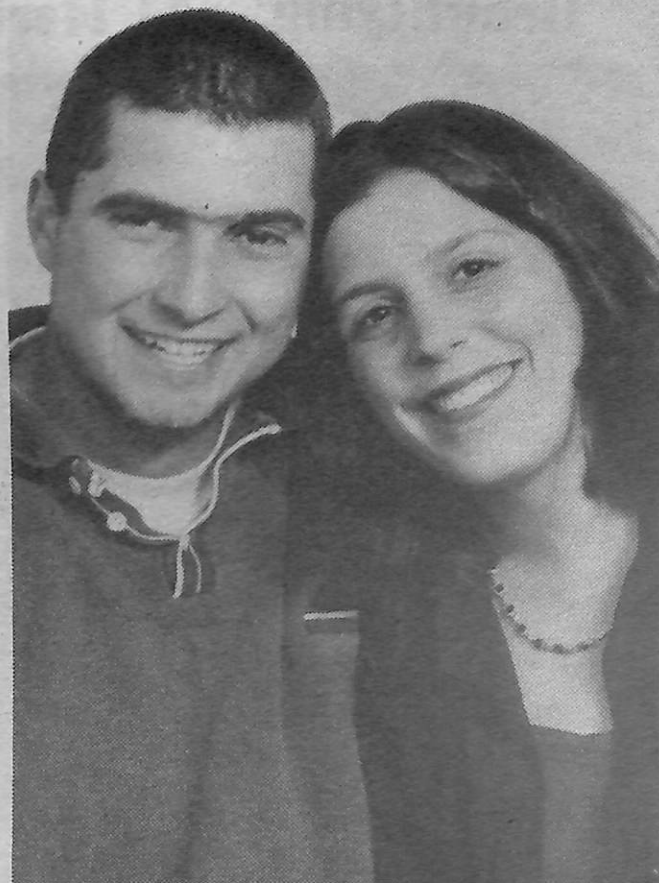
Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Parrotta of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Jerry Parrotta, to Christine Dickson.

Christine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dickson of Groveland, Massachusetts.

Christine is a 1992 graduate of Pentucket High School, and a 1997 graduate of Northeastern University. She is currently employed as an inpatient physical therapist at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Jerry is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1997 graduate of Northeastern University. He is currently employed as an outpatient physical therapist at Sports and Physical Therapy Associates in Boston.

Christine and Jerry will wed on June 13, 1998.



SCOTT FILLION &amp; ANGELA NUNZIATO

## Angela Nunziato And Scott Fillion To Marry In December

Joan and Carl Nunziato of 123 Line St., Agawam are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Nunziato, to Scott Fillion, son of Michael and Maria Fillion of Ludlow.

The bride-to-be graduated from Westfield State College in 1997 with a Bachelor's degree in mass communications. She is a sales/marketing correspondent for EPR Inc. of West Springfield.

The future groom, a 1997 graduate of Westfield State College with a Bachelor's degree in biology, is the owner of Fillion's Landscaping of Ludlow.

A December 31, 1998 wedding is planned.

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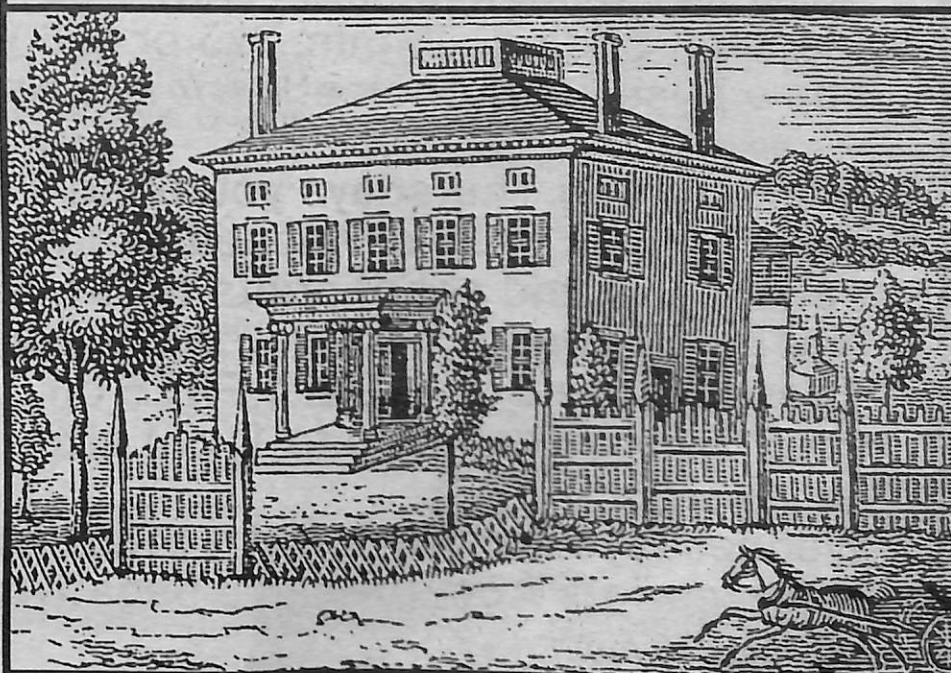
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Agawam Public Market Main Street, Agawam

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Garden Emporium Suffield Street, Agawam

Floral Concepts by Tom Walnut Street, Agawam

and also on the day of the tour at the

Agawam Congregational Church Main Street, Agawam



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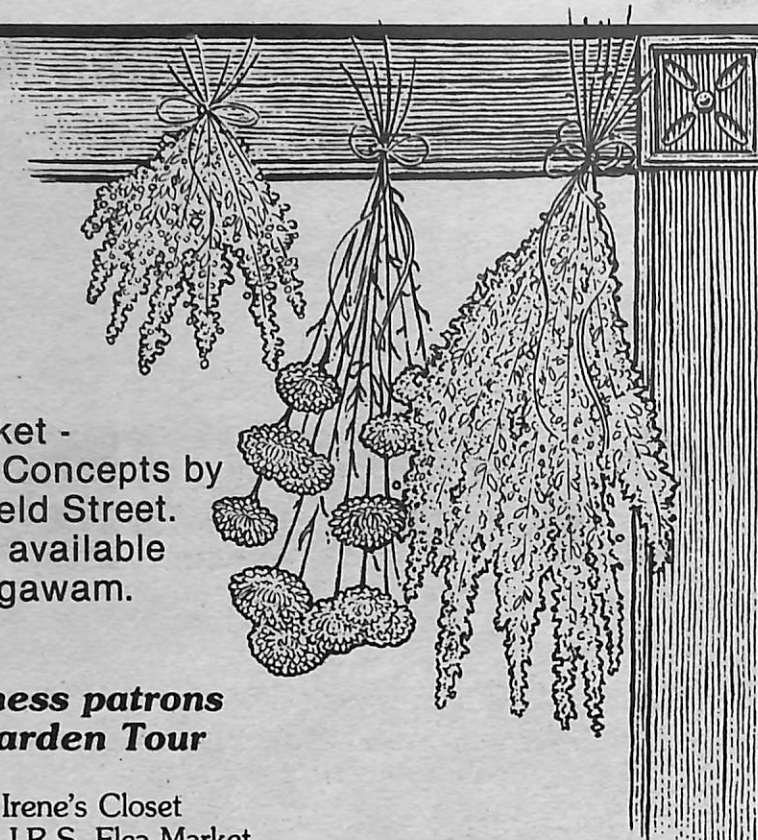
*thanks the patrons who contributed to our  
5th Annual Home and Garden Tour to be held  
Saturday, June 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Tickets may now be purchased at: Agawam Public Market -  
768 Main Street; Garden Emporium - 1265 Suffield Street; Floral Concepts by  
Tom - 266 Walnut Street; and E. Cecchi Farms - 1109 Springfield Street.  
On the day of the tour, tickets and refreshments will also be available  
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## “100th Club” Celebration At Heritage Hall...



THE “100th CLUB” celebration was held on Friday, May 15th, at the Heritage Hall North Nursing Home in Agawam. The event took place in conjunction with National Nursing Home Week to celebrate three residents who are 100 years-old or older. The three honorees were (above, from left) Alice Tatro, 100, Marjorie Ward, 100, and Eulilia Hayden, 104. Activity Director Lisa Parent did a storyboard on their lives, and families were included in the celebration. Refreshments were provided, and Vera Conway entertained with music. Hopefully, this celebration will be held during National Nursing Home Week next year, as Heritage Hall has two residents who will be turning 100 years-old in 1999. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Gregory E. Squazza Joins United States Army Under Delayed Entry Program

Gregory E. Squazza has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Enfield, CT.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college

education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Squazza, a student at Enfield High School, Connecticut, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma, for basic training on August 26, 1998.

He is the son of Lynn A. Olshafskie of 22 Washington Ave., Enfield, CT, and Bruno D. Squazza of 92 South St., Agawam, MA.

## Philip E. Thomas To Be Honored At Shriners Reception

Philip E. Thomas, Potentate of Melha Shriners, will be honored on May 30th at a reception to be held at Chez Josef in Agawam, according to Shriner Robert G. Spaulding, Jr., chairman of the affair.

Thomas is to be recognized for his January 1998 election to his current leadership role of Western Massachusetts Shriners and for his commitment and dedication to Shrine activities in conjunction with the Springfield Unit of the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Attendance is anticipated to exceed 500 local Shriners, their ladies, friends, and relatives of Thomas and Shrine associates from all New England states and Eastern Canada. Selected Shrine Units will assist in the pageantry of the evening.

Thomas, a Lynn, Massachusetts native, is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology of Boston. Employed by Hamilton Standard of Windsor Locks, he has been associated in space-related programs having special application to the development of space suits and to other space satellite rocket projects. His avocations are numerous and varied.

Thomas and his lady, Ann, reside in Enfield, CT. They have two children, Jamie and Sharon, and two grandchildren.

Thomas, who began his Masonic travels in 1963, has been actively involved in both Masonic and Shrine endeavors for a number of years and currently is president of the Northeast Shrine Association encompassing 15 Shrine bodies in every New England state and Eastern Canada, whose membership exceeds 32,000 Shriners.

## Spring Bottle Drive Slated By St. John's Cub Scout Pack 77

St. John's Cub Scout Pack 77 will be holding a spring bottle drive on Saturday, June 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All redeemable cans and bottles can be dropped off at St. John's parking lot on June 6th. Scouts will also be asking to collect bottles and cans in their neighborhoods.

The funds raised will go towards future Pack activities.

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## Roberta Doering Honored By Agawam Rotary Club

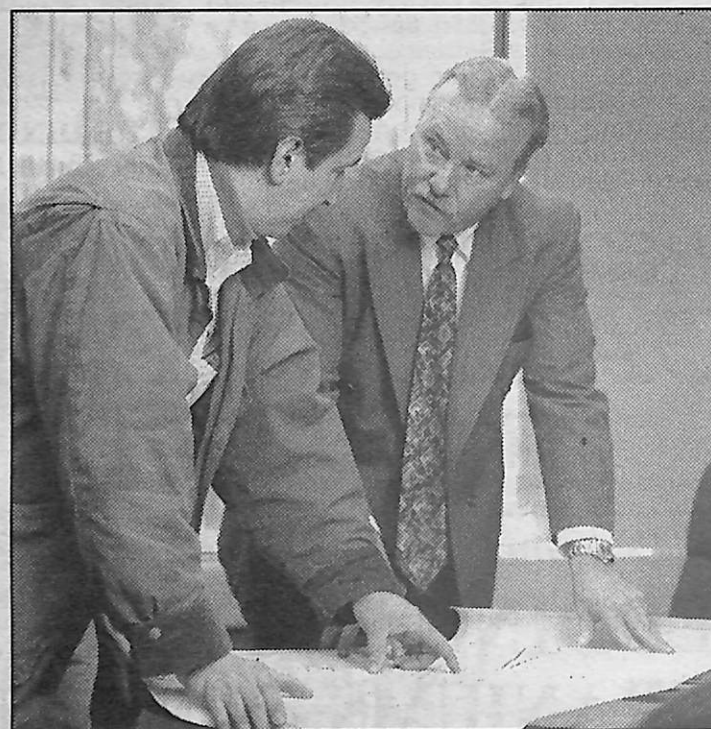


**ROBERTA DOERING**, the current Secretary of the Agawam School Committee, was recently honored with the "Paul Harris Award" by the Agawam Rotary Club at a reception held at Storowton in West Springfield. This award is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the Rotary Club, and Mrs. Doering received it in recognition of her many years of dedication and service on the town's School Committee. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Mrs. Doering with Rotarians Tim Ayre (left) and Rev. Don Morris (right). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Mrs. Doering is presented with flowers by fellow School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## Garden/House Tour Set For Saturday, June 20th, In Suffield

by Joan Lussier  
Southwick-Suffield Advertiser News

Suffield: Are you like most people? You might have driven by a home that looks inviting, interesting, and beautiful and thought to yourself, "I wonder what that home looks like inside."

Thanks to a unique idea to raise money for a local church, passers-by and "Sunday sightseers" may just get the chance they have been hoping for.

On Saturday, June 20th, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., a spectacular garden/house tour will take place highlighting five Suffield homes and five gardens.

This event is a fundraiser for the Second Baptist Church to raise monies for their Capital Campaign.

Cost for the tour is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour. For an additional \$10, box lunches will also be available if tickets are purchased in advance, which will include your choice of Caesar salad with marinated chicken, cut-up fruit, herb wrap, and assorted fruit squares or tuna salad wrap sandwich, pasta primavera, and assorted squares.

These boxed lunches can be eaten on the grounds of the various homes or beneath a tent at the church.

Location of the homes include 309 Mapleton Ave., 666 North Street, 446 Ratley Road, 300 South Main Street, and 78 South Main Street, and the gardens and grounds located at 815 Ratley Road, 27 Riverview Drive, 300 South Main Street, 112 Wendover Road, and 1286 Mountain Road.

These homes will include a unique home built in 1762 in which the owners have kept the old charm in their restoration, another constructed in 1767 that has been restored keeping it warm and friendly, the Suffield Showcase home that was shown in 1996, which is putting their kitchen on tour that has been enlarged and opened and has a beautiful view in their breakfast room, an expanded cape built in 1975, and a Georgian Southern Colonial with white pillars whose first floor will be on display as well as the grounds which hold the first inground pool installed in Suffield.

The beautiful gardens on tour can inspire the novice gardener while making the expert gardener admire the hard work and dedication that is needed to make these gardens spectacular.

While this event is a fundraiser for Second Baptist Church, it can be a day of walking into another period in time, and into another place in time.

For information and for ticket information, please call (860) 668-6512, (860) 668-5303, or stop by First National Bank of Suffield.

(On a personal note: After getting a sneak preview of several of the homes open for this tour, it can provide some remarkable homes to behold, while it is benefitting a worthwhile cause and will prove to be an eventful and memorable day.)



**THE SUNROOM OF THE HOME** located at 300 South Main Street, Suffield, that will be open during a garden/house tour on Saturday, June 20th. The tour is a fundraiser for the Second Baptist Church's "Capital Campaign." Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.



**THE DINING ROOM** of the home located at 300 South Main Street, Suffield. Advertiser News photo by Joan Lussier.

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KATHLEEN MOREHEAD

## Kathleen Morehead To Be Guest Of Agawam Garden Club

Being a photographer and a gardener has been productive and satisfying for Kathleen Morehead of Springfield, who will present a slide program at the June 9th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club.

Mrs. Morehead and her husband, Ted, operated a commercial photography business in Springfield for 36 years, Kathleen doing most of the development work. She met her husband, who is also a photographer, at New York University graduate school.

Recently she returned from her fourth trip to Great Britain, where she photographed famous and not-so-famous English gardens. Mrs. Morehead will present a program entitled "Mini to Maxi English Gardens: Window Boxes to Kew." The latter is the 300-acre Royal Botanical Gardens.

The program will follow the 7:30 p.m. business meeting of the Garden Club at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street. A social hour with refreshments will conclude the evening. Anyone interested may attend for a \$1 guest fee.

## Golden Age Club Chapter II Events For June

**Wednesday, June 3rd:** 1:30 p.m., Regular Meeting. Entertainment - Bingo.

**June 8th-12th:** Bus trip to the Catskills. "5 Days, 4 Nights" at Raleigh's. There are a few open reservations for this trip. If interested, call Alice Bishop, 786-1528.

**Wednesday, June 17th:** 1:30 p.m., Regular Meeting. Guest speaker: Beth Carroll, TV Channel 40.

**Tuesday, June 23rd:** Bust trip to Mohegan Sun.

**Friday, June 26th:** Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

## NACCCA Chapter 158 To Hold Seventh Reunion On June 10th

The NACCCA Chapter 158 of Holyoke will hold its seventh reunion on Wednesday, June 10th, at the Mt. Tom Reservation, Rte. 5, Holyoke from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The reunion will celebrate the 65th anniversary of the CCS established by President Roosevelt in 1933.

It is also the 100th anniversary of the Massachusetts Division of Forest and Parks. A park ranger and historian will be present.

For more information, call 786-3842 or 533-6070.

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## Events For Golden Age Club (Chapter 1)

**Friday, June 5th:** Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Wednesday, June 10th:** Meeting at 1:30 p.m. Speaker will be Rose Haynes, a veteran whose topic will be "Flag Day," etc.

**Wednesday, June 24th:** Meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Kathy Fox of Fox Tours, who will speak on "Quebec."

**Thursday, June 25th:** A mystery trip is planned.

(Trip Organizer/Director: Ed Organek, 786-2453; President: Jeannette Dore, 786-4235.)

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 1st:** American chop suey, grape juice, tossed salad, bread sticks, banana.

**Tuesday, June 2nd:** Cream of broccoli soup, ham & cheese on a roll, cucumber & tomato salad, birthday cake.

**Wednesday, June 3rd:** Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, summer squash, cranberry sauce, rudi roll, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, June 4th:** Pork cutlet with gravy, scalloped potato, spinach, whole wheat bread, pineapple.

**Friday, June 5th:** Clam chowder, tuna fish on a roll, macaroni salad, mixed fruit.

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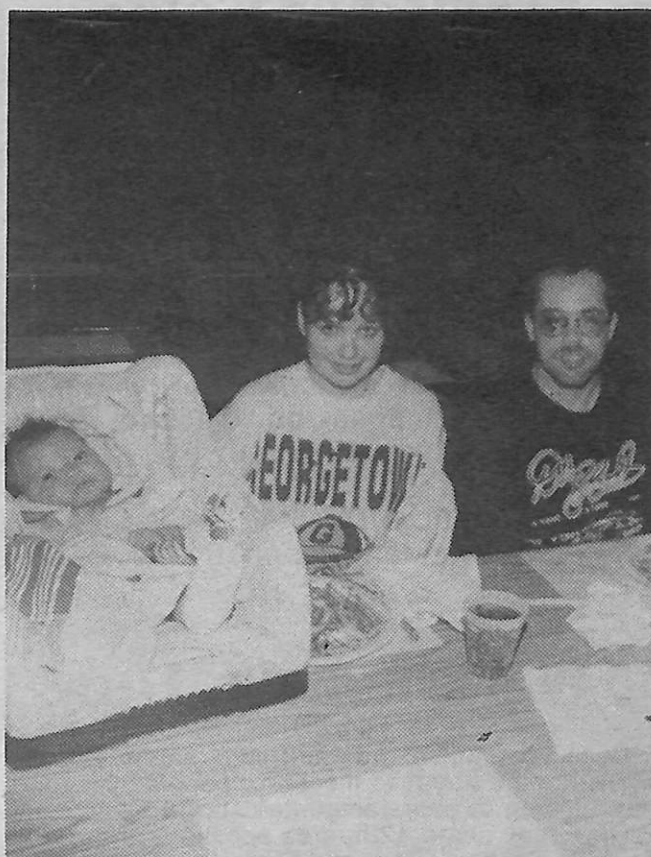
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## Fundraising Ziti Supper At The Polish Club...



EARLIER THIS MONTH, the Polish American Club of Agawam held a ziti supper to raise money for its various charitable activities (including annual scholarships). IN LEFT PHOTO: Club members Tammy Putnam, Janice Barako, and Lorraine Labun. IN CENTER PHOTO: Two month-old Aliah Thibeault, Christina Thibeault, and Jeff Bovat enjoy their ziti dinners. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Bob DeSimone, Jr. and Bob Juzba, owners of J & D Catering. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Junior Women's Arts & Crafts Fair Is Almost Here

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far.

The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items, including postage stamp art, bamboo flutes, unique jewelry, woodcrafts, etc. Come see the selection of high quality crafts!

The fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature approximately 80-100 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the AJWC Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the fair. Winners need not be present to win.

Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside the Leonard House, as well.

Parking will be available at the Bethany Assembly of God parking lot. There will be side street parking where posted. Parking will not be allowed along Main St. (Rte. 159).

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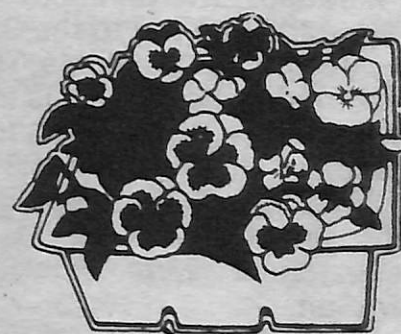
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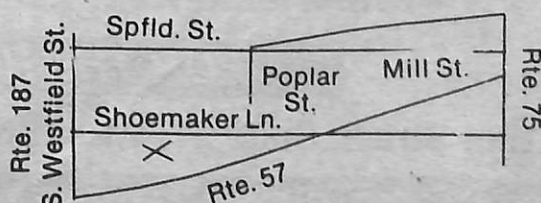
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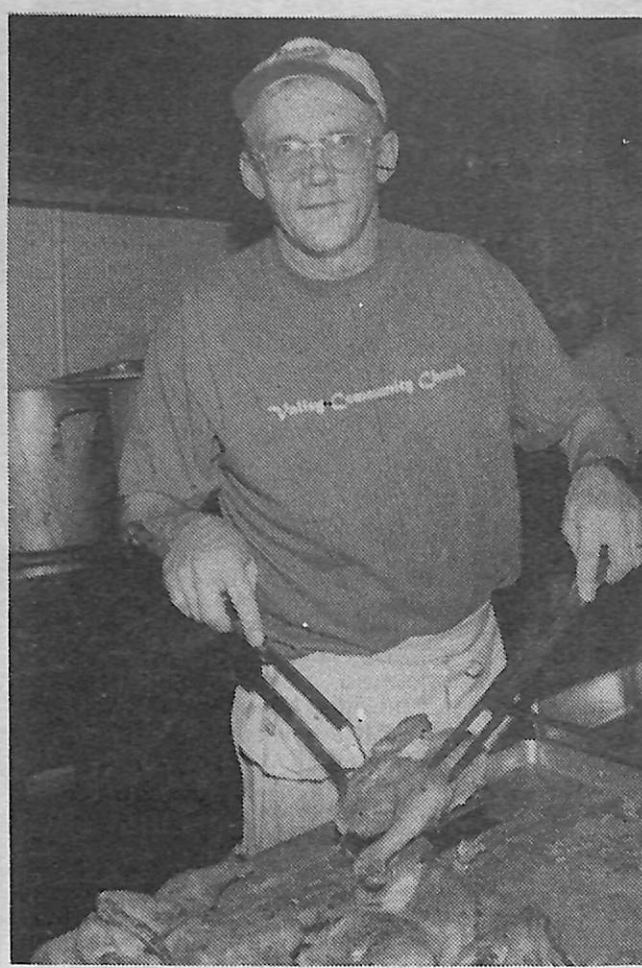
## Chicken Supper At Valley Community Church...



**WILLIAM AND ALDAH STULPIN** are about to sit down to their delicious chicken dinners at Valley Community Church on Saturday, May 9th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**KENDALL HILL AND SUE PEARSONS** tempted churchgoers with a variety of mouthwatering desserts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**NOBODY CRIED "FOWL"** at Valley Community Church's May 9th chicken supper, thanks to "Chef" Jeff Hill. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## West Spfld. Church Of Christ To Hold Local Youth Rally

**1-800-R.U.-THERE, Extension GOD** is the theme for a Youth Rally being held June 5th-7th at the West Springfield Church of Christ at 61 Upper Church St.

Alfred Toole, one of the Campus Ministers at the University of Virginia, will be the featured speaker and he will be encouraging teens to seek God and reassuring Him that they can find Him.

The events begin Friday evening and last through Sunday morning. The Pied Pipers, a religious drama group from Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg, West Virginia, will put on a special performance as will the church's Youth Group and a pre-teen Youth Group called Kids of the King.

Teens from churches of Christ all over New England will be present, but all local teens are also welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. The cost of the Youth Rally is \$10 per teen.

An Open House for pre-registering local teens, grades seven through 12, will be on Saturday, May 30th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the church building or you may also call the office at 736-1006.

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## Strawberry Supper Slated At F.H. Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a "Strawberry Supper" and food sale on Saturday, June 13th.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, coleslaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight years of age, and free for preschool-age children, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy dinner in our newly renovated church hall!

For reservations, call Mrs. Betty Bava, 786-0679, or Mrs. Barbara Swanson, 786-5732.

*Please remember  
that our deadline  
is each Tuesday  
at 12:00 noon.*

## Trading Post's Final Sale On June 10th

The Trading Post at First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street, will hold the **Final Sale of the Season** on Wednesday, June 10th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Don't miss out! This will be the best sale of the season **Everything one-half off!**

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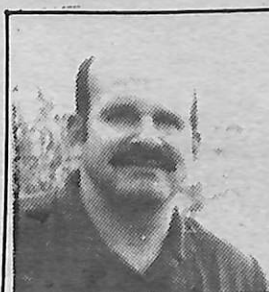
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## Church News - continued...



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## A Memorial Day Message

This past Memorial Day, Americans were admonished to remember the war dead. "Do not forget them." "Do not forget what they did for us."

Perhaps one of the most important wartime events of modern times was the invasion of Normandy, also known as D-Day. When we think of wartime activities, the events of D-Day are often what come to mind.

D-Day is the epitome of the virtues of war, when an invading force comes ashore for all the right reasons. D-Day is important to every American, because if D-Day had failed or never occurred, the lives we live today would be dramatically different.

There is another event in history with similar characteristics to D-Day; the truly greatest invasion which ever occurred, when, as the Gospel of John describes it, **The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory.** There are a number of parallels between these two invasions which deserve our consideration.

When General Eisenhower was appointed to be the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, he was given a specific job description. It was simple. Eisenhower was responsible to lead an invasion of Europe. The general's job description was announced to the world in a press release. However, when the Allied forces came ashore at Normandy and a German Major, Werner Pluskat, phoned his superiors at Division Headquarters to say the invasion had begun and that he was seeing a huge armada on the horizon, he was told he

must be mistaken because the Germans didn't believe the Allies had that many ships.

Seven-hundred years before His incarnation, the prophet Isaiah described Jesus's ministry, life, and death. During the same period, another prophet, Micah, described where the Messiah would be born. The shepherds in the field believed the angels and believed in the Baby in the manger. However, the Jewish authorities doubted that Jesus was or could be the long awaited and long promised Messiah.

The purpose of both invasions were strikingly similar: to set free the oppressed. In the case of D-Day, the goal was to liberate continental Europe from the tyranny of the Third Reich. In the case of Jesus, the goal was to end the tyranny of the devil; **so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.** In each case, the invasion was the deciding factor which set in motion the end of the tyranny of the oppressed by breaking the back of the oppressor.

In both cases, our world would be vastly different if the invasion had either failed or not occurred at all. In both cases, the invasion marked the beginning of the end of tyranny, not the end itself. It took almost a year for Germany to finally surrender. However, the tide had turned. The Third Reich's days were numbered. Similarly, the clean-up operation concerning the vanquished devil is still a work in progress. However, the Liberator has no intention of an open ended engagement. He is working with an end in mind. Contrary to those who think differently, the Bible informs us that history is, in fact, working towards a conclusion.

Today, continental Europe is uniting under the banner of economic and political freedom. The Europeans live as though the invasion of Normandy was an accomplished fact. They are happily reaping the benefits of those who labored to liberate Europe. Similarly, all of us can and should live as though the greatest invasion of all time is also an accomplished fact. God wants each of us to be happily reaping the benefits of Jesus' labors on our behalf.

## Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner On June 1st At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Monday, June 1st at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs and sausage, garden salad, bread and butter, dessert, and beverages.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's, or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

Best local news...

## Cabaret Is Set For This Saturday Evening At Ag. Congregational

Don't miss this year's exciting Cabaret. The theme will be "A Night on the Town" and will take the audience to *three* different hot spots (without ever leaving Bryan Hall).

It all takes place on Saturday, May 30th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The Cabaret will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

**"CHURCH NEWS" is another reason why you turn our pages each and every week!!!**

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## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The "Faith in Action" series for the ninth grade Church School class continues each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

They will hear from many different speakers about how their faith helps them in their daily lives.

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This Sunday, May 31st, is Pentecost Sunday. Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Is Red Your Favorite Color?", taken from Text: Acts: 2:1-21. The Children's Message will be: "The Rush," given by Rev. Fuller.

All Church School classes will resume this Sunday at their regular times.

Also, following the Worship Service on Sunday, there will be a "Young At Heart Luncheon" held in Bryan Hall for our 50 and older people.

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The Adult Education Class continues each Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. through June 10th, following the Midweek Worship.

Rev. Curt D. Fuller will be leading the class. Child care will be provided each week from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. to encourage families to attend.

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The Open Pantry item for this Sunday soup. Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

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Come and enjoy a special night of music. A Cabaret, "A Night on the Town," will be presented on Saturday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. by the Adult Choir and area musicians.

The Cabaret will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

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The Youth Groups of the church are hosting a Talent Show on June 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for this fun-filled evening for all ages.

The new Youth Advisor, Tammy Washburn, will be directing the event.

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There are still tickets available to the "West Side Story" performance at Springfield Symphony Hall on Saturday, June 6th. They are only \$29.50 each.

Please call the church office, 786-7111, to reserve your tickets today!

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The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be several hole-in-one prizes — including a \$10,000 hole-in-one!

The player fee is \$35 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Pre-register by June 8th and save \$10 (the fee will be only \$25).

Hole sponsors (\$50) and patrons (\$10) are needed, and business ads cost \$25. All golfers are welcome — men, women, seniors, and juniors.

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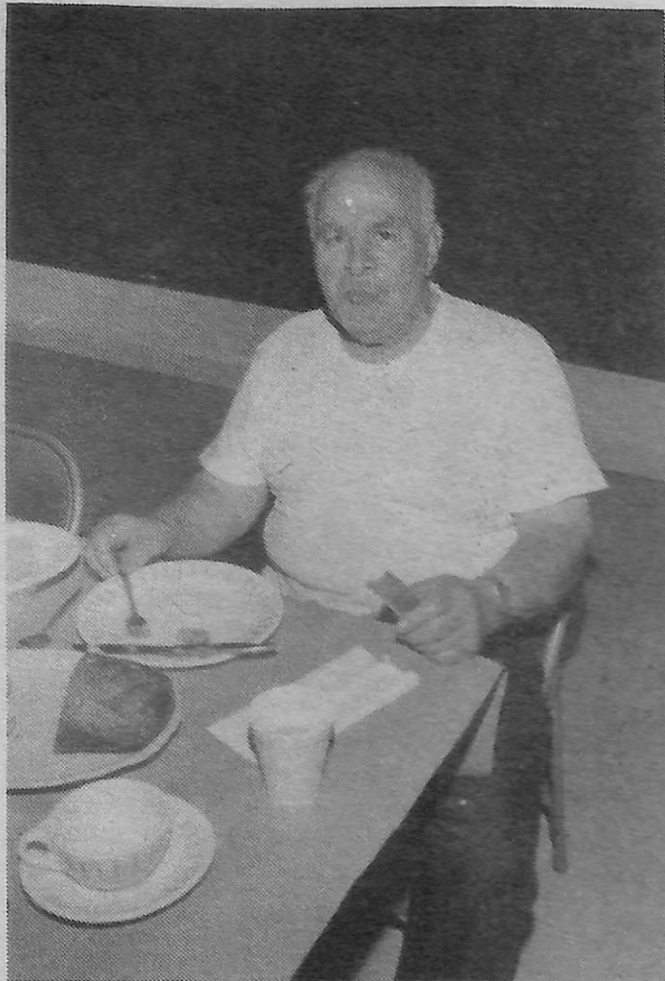
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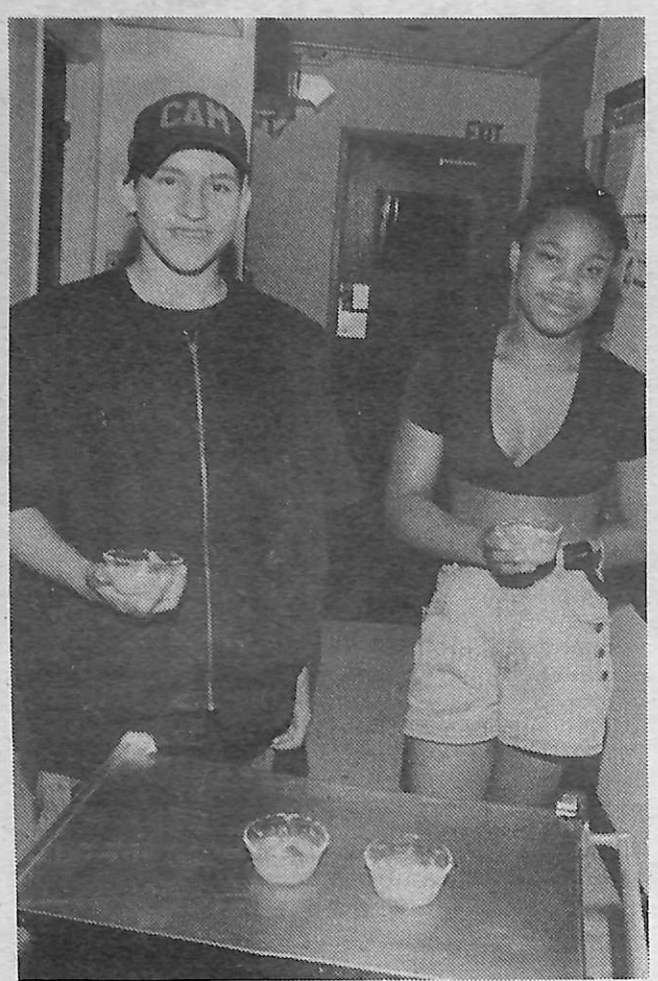
## Boiled Ham Dinner At United Methodist Church...



"READY FOR DESSERT???" Dominick D'Angelis at the boiled ham dinner at Agawam United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PREPARING FRUIT COCKTAILS at the Agawam United Methodist Church's boiled ham dinner are Chieko Rivers and Carmela D'Angelis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CAMERON PERRY AND JUEL HARRIS volunteered for "kitchen duty" during the boiled ham dinner at Agawam United Methodist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Church News - continued...

## Events And Activities At St. John The Evangelist Church

St. John the Evangelist Church welcomed the following children to the Table of the Lord with their First communion last week:

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Daniel Geoffrion, Jennifer Gralia, Nicholas Grasseti, Joseph Gregory, Shauna Howe, Kyle Labonte, Joseph Largay, Eric Larson, Meghan Little, Brett Longhi, Glenn Mallory, Amy Mantha, Daniel Matroni, Patrick McKeever, Brian Merriam.

Mary Michaud, Elizabeth Moirano, Julie Ann Montalvo, Krystal Morace, Matthew O'Brien, Nora O'Connell, Alyxandra O'Neill, Frank Payeur, Megan Pietroniro, Daniel Polaski, Bryana Prout, Andrew Randall, Travis Ritter, Kristopher Ruehl, Alexander Schwein.

Philip Scoville, Margaret Sheehan, William Siano III, Ryan Sullivan, Alexander Taupier, Stephen Teixeira, Megan Tejada, Gary Theroux, Mark Theis, Justin Timmons, Sean Walsh, Stephanie Weller, Ashley Williams.

### TEEN ENCOUNTER

There will be a TEEN ENCOUNTER RETREAT here at St. John's **June 6th and 7th**. This will be a new format for an Encounter Weekend. Open to teens ages 14-18 (grades 9-12), it starts on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday evening. The sessions will include talks, discussions, prayer, free time, food, and song.

Cost is \$35 with some financial help available. To register, please call Sr. Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

### ANNUAL ANOINTING MASS

On Sunday, **May 31st at 2:00 p.m.**, we will once again have our community celebration of the **Sacrament of the Sick**.

We invite all of our parishioners who would like to receive this Sacrament to attend. The only conditions for our senior citizens are age, illness, or accident. We will have medical personnel available to assist.

Our First Communicants are invited to attend to allow our elders to get a view on this new generation of parishioners. A reception will follow in the Center. Do you have relatives or neighbors whom you might invite to join us?

### DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

The second Annual Diocesan Gathering of our Youth will take place on **June 28th** from 1:00-8:00 p.m. at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this day of recreation, music, Mass, and food.

Cost is only \$5 per person. For registration and information, please call Sr. Fran Gloster at 786-8105. Deadline is **June 8th** for applying.

### OVER 60 CLUB

The **June 4th** Luncheon Banquet will be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club. If you have not made reservations, please call Barbara at 786-7037. **Cost is \$13.**

The **next trip** for the group is the Saratoga Performing Arts Center; a full length ballet, Jewels.

Lunch will be buffet-style. **Date is July 7th.** Cost is \$57. If interested, call Barbara at 786-7037 or Lil at 786-9586.

### PACK 77 BOTTLE DRIVE

Our **Cub Scout Pack 77** will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the parking lot. For pick-up, call Ed at 789-3587.

## Special Service This Sunday At Valley Community Church

The arrival of Pentecost has always been a special time for members of Valley Community Church. During Sunday worship, Pastor Steve Dennehy will share his message taken from the gospel of John 14:17. He will explain how Christ alleviated the fear of his disciples by telling them that a "comforter" would come in his place, that this spirit would be living within them rather than alongside them as he was.

As Pastor Steve explains that the spirit can only be received through faith, he will challenge the congregation to step forward and either be confirmed or to recommit their lives to Christ. This will be a powerful service and we invite all to join us at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Children's Church will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Dunn Hall. During their own Worship Service, the children will also hear the importance of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in a way that they can understand.

Coffee and Fellowship begins at 10:30 a.m. All look forward to this time to gather together and enjoy each other's company as well as to greet our visitors.

Church School starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. There are classes for all ages, from first grade right through to adult Bible studies. Nursery care is available at this time, as well as throughout the service.

The Pastoral Search Committee will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

Both Junior and Senior Choirs will meet on Wednesday evening as the church hill comes alive with "a joyful sound."

The Junior Choir will begin rehearsal at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 will gather in Dunn Hall on Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m. During this meeting, they will finalize their overnight sleepover for Friday evening.

Valley Community Church is located high on the hilltop at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

## News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 31st will be Children's Sunday. Worship will be led by our Sunday School and will include a skit as well as music from the Junior Choir.

Teachers, acolytes, choir members, and members of the Board of Christian Education will be recognized. Bibles will also be awarded during this service. This is our final day for Sunday School until the fall. A picnic will take place following worship. Please bring a salad to share if you can; all other food will be provided.

On Sunday, June 7th, we will welcome Rev. Carl Richter as our guest pastor. Rev. Donaldson will be attending the United Church of Christ annual meeting. The service will include Holy Communion. This is the first Sunday of the summer season that worship will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Would you like to vacation in Georgia this summer? Rev. Rob has begun to put together a group of people interested in helping to rebuild a church in Perry, Georgia. Four people have already signed on to travel during the last two weeks of July. A crew of up to ten people is needed. This is a great opportunity for some hands-on mission outreach.

The LBS is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 13th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The menu will include boiled ham, potato and egg salad, cole slaw, rolls, and pickles, strawberry shortcake (of course!), and beverage.

Adults may be served at a cost of \$7, children \$2.50. Please call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732 for reservations. Helpers are needed. If you are able to pick or clean berries, clean the kitchen, serve in the kitchen, or wait tables, please contact Lani Kretschmar or Bernice Burton or call the church office at 786-5061. Donations of baked goods would also be greatly appreciated.

### On the calendar:

**Thursday, May 28th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Sunday, May 31st:** 10:00 a.m., Children's Sunday; All Church Picnic

**Monday, June 1st:** 7:30 p.m., Council

**Tuesday, June 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Thursday, June 4th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

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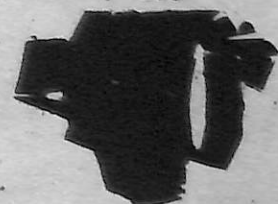
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## Spotlight On Business



ALTHOUGH GIOVANNI'S PASTRY & COFFEE SHOP opened just before Christmas, a ceremonial ribbon-cutting was held on Saturday, May 16th. From left - Jessica Liquori, Town Council President Donald M. Rheault, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Antonio Russo (owner), Anna Liquori, and Nicky Liquori. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Giovanni's Pastry Catching On Fast In Agawam Ctr.

Folks in the Agawam Center area for years have said an Italian bakery would thrive in that area of town, if someone had the insight to open one.

This past December, Antonio & Teresa Russo decided to bring their expertise as bakers and business owners right into the heart of Agawam Center next to Ryan Drugs.

Giovanni's Pastry & Coffee Shop is the culmination of their efforts and the couple agrees they made the right move.

For those with a sweet tooth, this place is a delight. Italian cream cakes, fruit cakes, ricotta cakes, chocolate/strawberry cakes, chocolate and raspberry mousse cakes are always freshly made on premises and can be selected from a showcase in the left corner of the bakery, or can be ordered over the phone.

Special cakes including chantilly cream, cappuccino cream, grand manier, zabaglione cream, mochiachino cream, chocolate banana, mille foglie, cheese cakes, yellow cake, white cake, chocolate cake, tiramisu, and marble cake are made to order by simply calling 789-8900.

Several large showcases of assorted Italian cookies and assorted pastries and Italian pastries greet customers when entering the bakery. A decorative cookie tray will impress your guests for upcoming graduation parties. Just call ahead.

In the mood for a pastry and a cappuccino? Espresso? Regular or flavored coffee? Cafe Mocha? Sit and enjoy. Giovanni's Pastry & Coffee Shop welcomes you to relax with friends while filling your face with their freshly made desserts.

The Russos and their family know the business and know how to please.

Stop in and say hello. Order ahead for even faster service. The bakery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Giovanni's Pastry & Coffee Shop is named after Antonio's father, Giovanni Russo. If you look into the kitchen, you will probably find him there hard at work, just like the rest of the clan.

*patronize local business...*



THE FAMOUS BAKERS OF Giovanni's Pastry & Coffee Shop in Agawam Center gather for a group photo with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Council President Donald M. Rheault. From left - Anna Liquori (sister of owners), Anna Lisa Liquori (niece of owners), Jessica Liquori (niece of owners), Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Teresa Russo (owner), Town Council President Donald M. Rheault, Antonio Russo (owner), Bruno Russo (brother of owner), Adele Russo (mother of owner), and Giovanni Russo (father of owner). IN PHOTO BELOW, Teresa Russo waits on a customer. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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*Spotlight On Business - continued...*

## Cecchi Family Proud Of Huge, New Greenhouse

The Cecchi family has spent the last nine months preparing for this year's gardening season and the results are spectacular. A new greenhouse complex and thousands of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable plants, hanging baskets, roses, and climbing vines await the gardening public at their 1131 Springfield Street farm.

Beginning last August, two older greenhouses were dismantled; a 2,500 square foot, 25 year-old, plastic-covered quonset style structure, and the farm's original 1,500 square foot glass greenhouse, built in 1947. Construction began last fall on their replacement: a 14,000 square foot, gutter-connected greenhouse range which connected an existing display greenhouse with the farm's masonry barn, which now serves as a boiler room and storage area for the greenhouse complex.

In addition to gas-fired heaters, the greenhouse utilizes hot water heaters to warm the greenhouse and melt snow in the eaves as well. Instead of the large, electricity-hungry fans that cool many older greenhouses, a sophisticated computer system automatically ventilates and cools the new structure to desired temperatures with roof vents, wall vents, and cloth shades.

The new structure is divided into both retail and production space. Concrete floors with drains throughout eliminate mud puddles, and rolling benches in the production space ensure the maximum area possible is in use. Overhead, drip irrigation lines efficiently water hanging baskets.

This new configuration of growing space has allowed the retail display area to be enlarged and consolidated on one side of the farm stand. Previously, space limitations forced the display to be split along both sides of the stand.

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In addition to building the new greenhouse, the Cecchis have been busy filling it, and the rest of their eight greenhouses.

Old favorites and the newest hybrid varieties are represented, along with a huge selection of impatiens, geraniums, herbs, hot peppers, tomato plants, and hanging baskets of all sizes and varieties.

A visit to E. Cecchi Farms is a springtime essential for local gardeners. Customers who have moved as far away as New York and New Hampshire still make the trip to their favorite garden center. With the gardening season in full swing, there is no better time for your first or 50th visit.

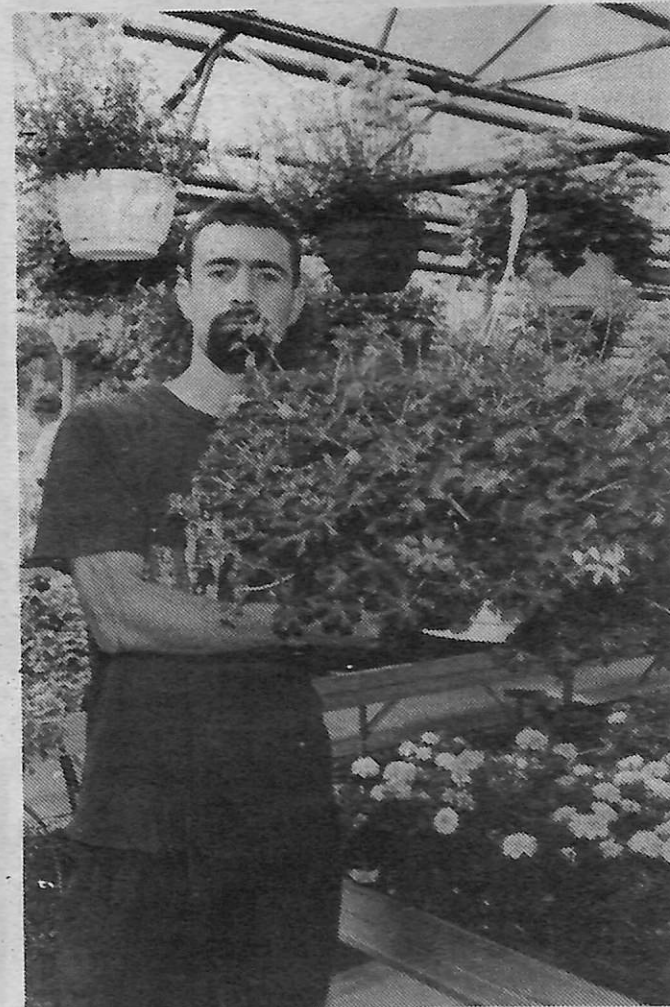
E. Cecchi Farms, founded in 1946 by Anna and Erminio Cecchi, prides itself on carrying one of the area's largest selections of plants, all of which are grown at the facility. In addition to a large variety of plants, Cecchi Farms carries a large selection of soils, fertilizers, and other gardening supplies.

Hothouse tomatoes grown on the farm and native asparagus are now available. The stand will also be opening within the next few weeks with a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.



**THE CECCHI FAMILY**, owners of E. Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, are proud as can be about the opening of their new 15,000 square foot greenhouse. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



**CHECKING OUT THE NEW GREENHOUSE** at E. Cecchi Farms at 1131 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills last Saturday were, from left - Cheryl Trexler and her two year-old son, Zachary, and Kenneth Perez (photo right). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...**

## Common Sense

with  
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### Priorities: How To Set Them ... Stick To Them ... Change Them

Priorities are the key to managing your time and yourself. Many of us make To Do lists ... but few of us take the time to weigh the items that are on the list for their level of importance and urgency.

Without this critical step of setting priorities, having a To Do list is useless. We may seem to be constantly busy, yet we waste our time away on things that don't bring us closer toward accomplishing our major/important goals.

#### HOW TO SET DAILY PRIORITIES

Make a list of everything you should do tomorrow, complicated or routine ... don't worry about the order or the importance of each task ... just list them all. Now, weigh each task for its relative importance. Ask yourself...

- Which tasks have a high payoff ... ones that will give me the best investment of time and energy?

- Which ones are essential to my goals?

- Which ones are essential to the goals of my family and my business?

- Which ones can only be done by me ... and no one else?

Use this information to number the items on your list (number 1 for top priority, number 2 for second-highest priority, etc.). **VERY IMPORTANT** ... You must take sufficient time for this critically important step ... if you rush through it, you'll wind up with a To Do list that does not reflect your true priorities.

Also, it's not necessary to split hairs ... don't agonize over if something should be a number 1 or a number 2 ... just make sure that both of these items are towards the very top of your list.

#### ACTING ON PRIORITIES...

##### SHORT- & LONG-TERM

Regarding daily priorities, early each morning, review your goals/priorities ... you must start your

day with the top-priority jobs, and then stick with them! ... otherwise, lower priority tasks will eat you up.

**ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS** delegate low priority jobs. If you absolutely cannot delegate them, schedule a five- to 10-minute break to devote to them. If these smaller tasks take more than 10 minutes, you have to set them aside and schedule another short break later on for them.

Set long-range as well as daily priorities. If you know what your long-term goals are, you can make sure that your daily actions are building towards these goals. You will get more satisfaction out of each day ... and you'll be more likely to stick with your plans. To identify long-range goals, think about...

- What makes you happy? ... Do you prefer more or less responsibility? What activities (personal and business) bring you the most pleasure? What would you enjoy learning more about?

- Where do your skills lie? ... What do you do better than anyone else?

- What areas need strengthening? ... What important areas have you been avoiding because you have been afraid that you will fail? What skills will you need in order to succeed in those areas? What are the trends? ... Are more and more activities in life becoming computerized? Are you anticipating this?

- Are you getting the cooperation of others? ... Don't be shy about selling others on your priorities. To accomplish this, make sure that others know how important this priority is to you.

On your daily list of priorities, always include items that will move you towards your long-term goals ... and be sure to take action each day. You can't always close the door on all interruptions, but you can find 15 minutes to give some thought to your future ... after all, no one cares more about you than you do.

#### STARTING AND STICKING WITH PRIORITIES

You will probably never finish every item on your To Do list every day ... that's why it's essential that you do the most important tasks first. Many people fall into the trap of spending most of their time on less important tasks. These low-priority tasks are often easier, or may seem more urgent.

**THE RESULT** ... Projects with a much greater potential payoff are neglected. "Not having enough time" is an avoidable excuse ... and is not acceptable. **EVERYONE** has time to complete

one, small step ... and then another ... and another. The first step is always the hardest, but once started, a project can develop a momentum of its own.

You should visualize yourself completing the task ... and the rewards that you will get. Make sure that the rewards are personal and meaningful to you. Once you have started, use this visualization technique whenever your motivation lags.

#### CHANGING YOUR PRIORITIES

Periodically, your needs will change ... and your priorities must change along with them. Something different may be occurring with your family or your place of business ... or maybe you're just feeling overwhelmed!

If you find yourself running in too many different directions, and you feel as though you're being "eaten" up, you must make some changes ... and changing your priorities does not mean that you have failed. Successful people are flexible enough to evaluate what life is all about ... and to adjust their direction accordingly.

#### TIME-SAVING BASICS

Here's a few of the keys that I use...

- Avoid pessimists ... don't let them into your life ... they will poke holes in your ideas and discourage you from even trying. "CUT 'EM LOOSE!"

- Turn the TV off ... you'll gain hours of extra time every day/week.

- Fight perfectionism ... anxiety about not doing a PERFECT job keeps many people from doing any job.

- Don't be afraid to make mistakes. If you take the time to think properly ... and you bring things to their logical conclusion, most mistakes can be avoided ... though it's important to remember that mistakes can be useful. They show us what works and what doesn't ... so be sure to learn from them.

- Get started ... profit from your mistakes ... move on ... and don't look back!

As you can see, there is great benefit to priority-setting ... regardless if you achieve every goal. You learn what you really value ... you develop the ability to take action ... and you build pride in your achievements, which increases your motivation to accomplish even more.

Have a great week!

**Ray Rose of THE PIONEER GROUP can be reached by phone, 413-731-6800; voice mail, 413-846-0961; or fax, 413-731-6881.**

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Pam Savioli**

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In making your decisions, consider your lifestyle realistically. If you don't like yard work, you might want a condo or a home with little landscaping. Hobbyists may need a work room or extra garage space.

Think about the neighborhood in which you'd like to live. Pick out neighborhoods that appeal to you and talk to the people who live there.

Ask your sales associate about property taxes, including any pending increases or special assessments.

Also be aware of any neighborhood restrictions. Look for evidence of good zoning practices. Businesses or industries should not be mixed in with residences. Other regulations, such as on-street parking, may also be in force.

**For more real estate information, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.**

**Travel  
Talk...**

by **Lori Keeley, CTC**  
Travel Connections, LTD  
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**Weddings At Sea**

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**Legal  
Memo**

by  
**Alan J. Ferrigno, Esq.**  
546 Springfield St., F.H.  
(413) 786-9454

**Motor Vehicle Negligence: Rear-End Collision**

The 55 year-old plaintiff was involved in a motor vehicle accident on January 17, 1992, when his car was rear-ended while stopped in traffic. The defendant claimed his speed was 5-10 mph at the time of the accident.

Following the accident, the plaintiff drove to his home and was seen later that day in the local emergency room and released. He has not returned to work since the date of his injuries.

The plaintiff claims to have suffered a mild traumatic brain injury as a result of the accident. The plaintiff's expert would have testified at trial that the plaintiff has suffered a mild traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic headaches and post-concussion syndrome as a result of the accident, which have disabled him from employment.

The defendant claimed that the plaintiff sustained no injuries other than soft tissue injuries to his neck. The defendant focused on the plaintiff's prior medical history, which recorded not only headaches due to a motor vehicle accident 12 years earlier, but also a history of the plaintiff's psychiatric treatment while in the military.

The defendant had the plaintiff examined by a neuropsychologist, who concluded that the plaintiff's performance was highly inconsistent with a genuine brain injury. The plaintiff was also examined by a psychiatrist on behalf of the defendant who made a similar conclusion to the neuropsychologist.

The case was mediated and settled before the trial date and was settled for the highest amount offered of \$425,000.00.

**Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts.**

**The PIONEER GROUP To Hold Free  
Homebuying Workshop On June 6th**

The offices of **The PIONEER GROUP** is sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, June 6th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **The PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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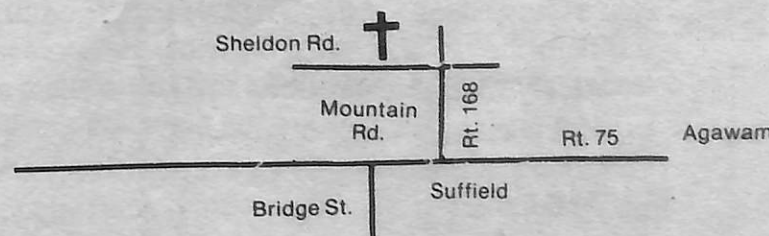
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## Some "Pillow" Talk...

When patients come into the office complaining of neck pain, a common question that I ask is, "How many pillows do you sleep with?"

Many people wake up with a stiff neck after sleep. Oftentimes people sleep with two or three pillows, which places stress on the cervical spine (neck). Oftentimes cervical pillows that are designed to create a relaxed resting position for the neck joints and muscles are recommended.

The pillow's function is to help maintain a natural curve and help with proper neck support. Often pillows are recommended to relieve pressure on the neck during sleep after a whiplash injury and for patients with cervical disc disease.

A recent study was published in the *Journal of Manipulative & Physiological Therapeutics* regarding neck pillows. The purpose of the study was to test whether individuals perceive special neck pillows to be better than their own pillows and to test whether neck pillows affect pain and sleep.

The study was conducted in Sweden with 55 individuals participating. The majority of test persons, especially those having periodic neck pain, had positive responses to the neck pillows and experienced better rest and quality of sleep with less neck tension and pain.

Six pillows were tested. The better was made of soft polyurethane with one low side and one high side. When the individuals were asked the characteristics of the ideal pillow, the response was that the pillow should be soft but firm enough for support, airy, allergy tested, and washable.

One third of our life is spent sleeping; it's important to take care of our body during sleep and invest in a quality mattress and pillow. A neck pillow with good shape and consistency may reduce neck pain and improve night rest.

If you have pain, try investing in a new pillow! And call today for an appointment.

**Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.**

## Women's Pavilion At Mercy Hospital To Host Menopause Prog.

Menopause affects nearly every facet of a woman's life. But the changes it brings about can be a change for the better, marking the beginning of one of the most fulfilling, productive times of life.

Learn what you can expect from menopause, and explore strategies for managing your body's changes, by attending a seminar on Thursday, June 4th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

"Menopause: What's Happening to Me?" with speaker Philip Sarrel, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology and psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine, is sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital and Solvay Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Sarrel will discuss the effects of menopause on a woman's sleep, memory, moods, and lifestyle; information on osteoporosis and hormone replacement therapy will also be provided.

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This clinic is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

**Osteoporosis:** You are never too young or old to learn more about it! More than 25 million Americans suffer from osteoporosis. Are you at risk?

Join us to find out more about osteoporosis and you — Monday, June 1st, in Noble Hospital's Ground Floor Conference Room A.

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The following lectures will be taking place on this date - "Bone Densitometry" by John Wilinsky, M.D., at 4:30 p.m., and "Osteoporosis and You" by James Wang, M.D., at 6:30 p.m.

Seating for the lectures is limited, and advance registration is required. To register for a lecture, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

## Substance Abuse Support For Parents

Providence Hospital offers a weekly support group for parents of children with drug or alcohol abuse problems. The group meets Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the hospital, 1233 Main Street.

The meetings provide an opportunity for parents whose children are currently involved with substance abuse, or have been in the past, to share ideas on how to deal with the problem. There is no charge for the sessions.

The substance abuse services of Providence Hospital are part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare. For information on the support group, call Karen Walsh Plo, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., Director, Outpatient Counseling Services; or Bob Pisani, M.S., Coordinator, Adolescent Intensive Day Treatment Services, (413) 493-2032.



## Your Back And Your Health

**by Dr. Joseph  
S. Schlaffer  
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Chiropractic Offices  
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## Child Care And Chiropractic...

At the very moment that most people discover that they are about to become parents, they begin preparing for the arrival of the new member of the family. They read informative books and begin making the necessary preparations.

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Before the body accommodates itself to these maladies in early childhood, they can be easily and effectively corrected. The child's growing spine is very susceptible to the bumps and falls he experiences during toddlerhood.

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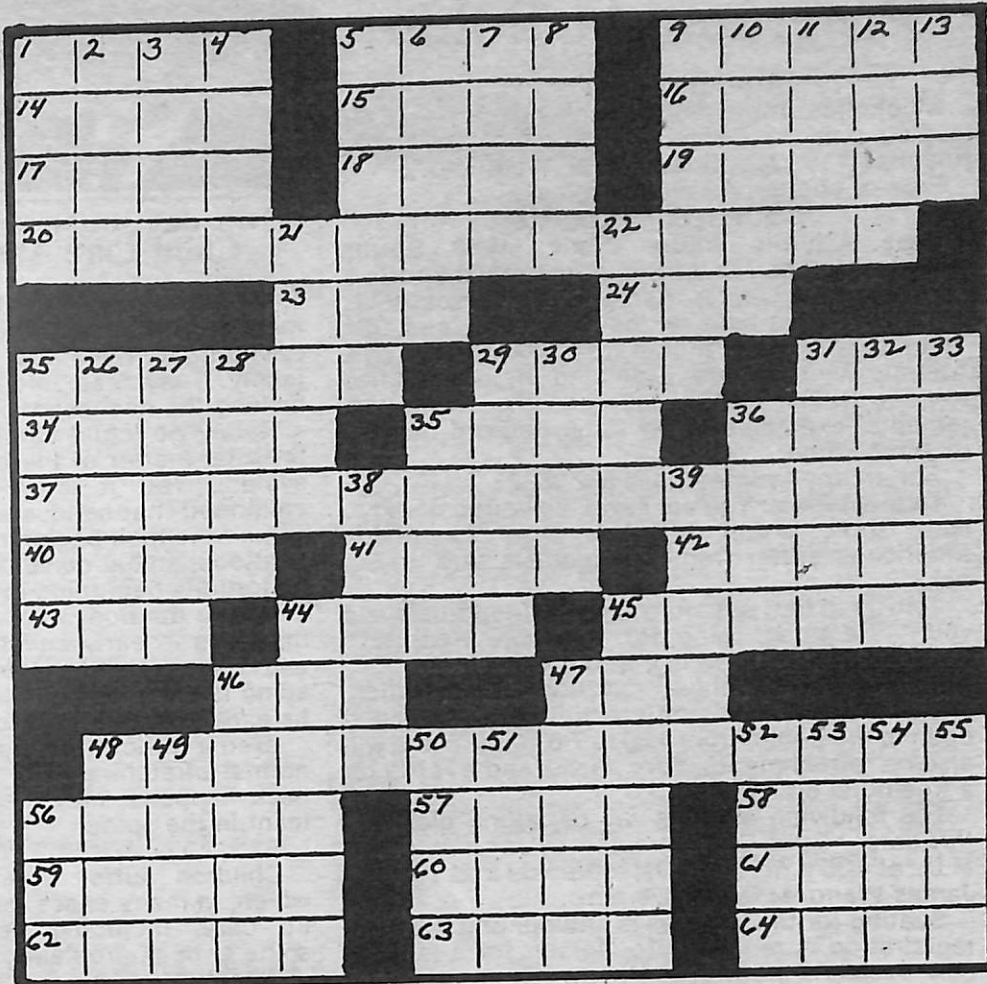


# Arts

## Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...

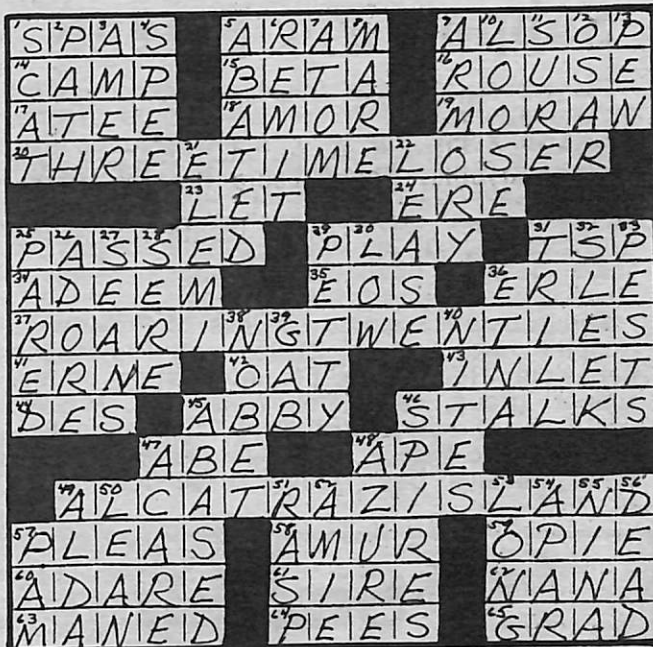
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### Last Week's Solution...



## "West Side Cabaret" Is Scheduled For Saturday, May 30th

Take a musical step back in time with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and Stardust for the "West Side Cabaret" on Saturday, May 30th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Coliseum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Conducted by Mark Russell Smith, this spectacular program will recreate the music of the 1920's through the 1950's, featuring such popular hits as "Sophisticated Lady," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," and the "Duke Ellington Fantasy."

Stardust is a vivacious female trio who dress in pure vintage costumes as they present a fast-paced show with dreamy harmonies, wild chords, and zany musical interpretations.

Tickets are \$12 (in advance) and \$15 (day of the concert) for grandstand seating. Grandstand group discounts are available for 10 or more. Refreshments will include beer and wine, as well as such Expo favorites as hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, soda, and ice cream.

Advance tickets are available at the SSO Box Office, 75 Market Place, Springfield, 733-2291, and the Pipe & Book Shop, 105 Elm Street, West Springfield, 734-5285.

## Memory Lane Chorus Plans Fall Program

The Memory Lane Chorus (formerly the World War II Chorus) has started to plan for a fall production that will focus on "Memories of Broadway."

The program will present solo, duet, and trio numbers in addition to the choral selections and will include songs from a large number of Broadway productions representing many eras.

Regular rehearsals are held at the Agawam Senior Center on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 (following the after lunch movie). During June, practice sessions will be held on June 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

Membership in the chorus is always open and anyone who wishes to just drop in to "see what is going on" is welcome to attend any of the rehearsals.

Director Darcy Davis would like to hear from any former students who took part in the high school musicals and would like to present a "reprise" of a number or just to sing along with the group.

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## Education



**INTENSIVE READING TEACHER** Catherine Gaudreau with the winners of the recent Phelps School Spelling Bee. From left - Daniel Anderson and Stephen Walsh, grade 2; Paul Trimboli III and Anthony Grimaldi, grade three; and Jonathan O'Brien and Heather Moffatt, grade 4. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Phelps School Announces Winners Of Annual Spring Spelling Bee

Benjamin Phelps School held its annual Spelling Bee Contest on May 21st for grades two, three, and four.

Under the direction of the Intensive Reading Teacher Catherine Gaudreau, the contest's aim is to recognize students who excel in spelling in respective grade levels.

Mrs. Gaudreau explains that each classroom conducted its own spelling bee contest and winners served as finalists in the championship competition. There were 12 winners from each grade level that competed before their fellow classmates in the school auditorium.

**GRADE 2 FINALISTS:** Jessica Beroth, Karissa Venne, Daniel Walsh, Sara Lovotti, Nimish Shah, Stephen Walsh, Andrea Simmons, Rashad Wright, Megan Pietroniro, Daniel Anderson, Katey Garrett, Matthew O'Brien.

**GRADE 3 FINALISTS:** Stephanie Depelteau, Hannah Rollins, Paul Trimboli, Kevin Yo, Anthony Grimaldi, Michelle Maczka, Victoria Tran, Michael

Yo, Emma Hendry, Lauren Sotolotto, Timothy Zucco, Meaghan Serra.

**GRADE 4 FINALISTS:** Aaron Hibbert, Alexis Dumas, Krystina Regis, Laura Provost, Sarah MacFadden, Heather Moffatt, Danielle Parks, Steven Powers, Tiara Ghedi, Jonathan O'Brien, Denise Sekula, Michelle Macey.

Besides receiving finalist certificates, students finishing in first and second place were awarded trophies.

Spelling Bee champions for grade two were Daniel Anderson and Stephen Walsh. Achieving top honors in grade three were Paul Trimboli III and Anthony Grimaldi. And, of the 12 fourth graders who participated in the contest, Jonathan O'Brien was awarded first place and Heather Moffatt was awarded second place.

Mrs. Gaudreau extends her congratulations to all the finalists and her gratitude to second grade announcer Barbara Cecchi; third grade announcer Susan Dukeshire; and fourth grade announcer Ann McLean.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 1st:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, potato rounds with catsup, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, June 2nd:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green and waxed beans, pineapple tidbits or vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

**Wednesday, June 3rd:** Rotini with meat and tomato sauce, Italian bread and butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, cherry crisp or jello with topping, milk.

**Thursday, June 4th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey, whipped potatoes, seasoned peas and carrots, wheat bread and butter, rosy applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Friday, June 5th:** Grilled cheese sandwich with pickle chips, oven potato rounds with catsup, fresh Mac apple, milk.

## Storowton Village Has Early American Summer Days Program

Send your children on an exciting historic journey into the 19th century by enrolling them in Storowton Village Museum's Early American Summer Days Program.

Two program sessions are open to children ages seven through 12, and take place August 3rd-7th and August 10th-14th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost of each session is \$125 per child. Register and pay by June 1st to receive a 10 percent discount.

Storowton Village Museum is located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Storowton Village also has opportunities for junior camp counselors (ages 14 and 15) and senior counselors (ages 16 and over).

For more information on this exciting opportunity for your child, please contact Dennis Picard, Storowton Village Museum's program coordinator, weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (413) 787-0136.

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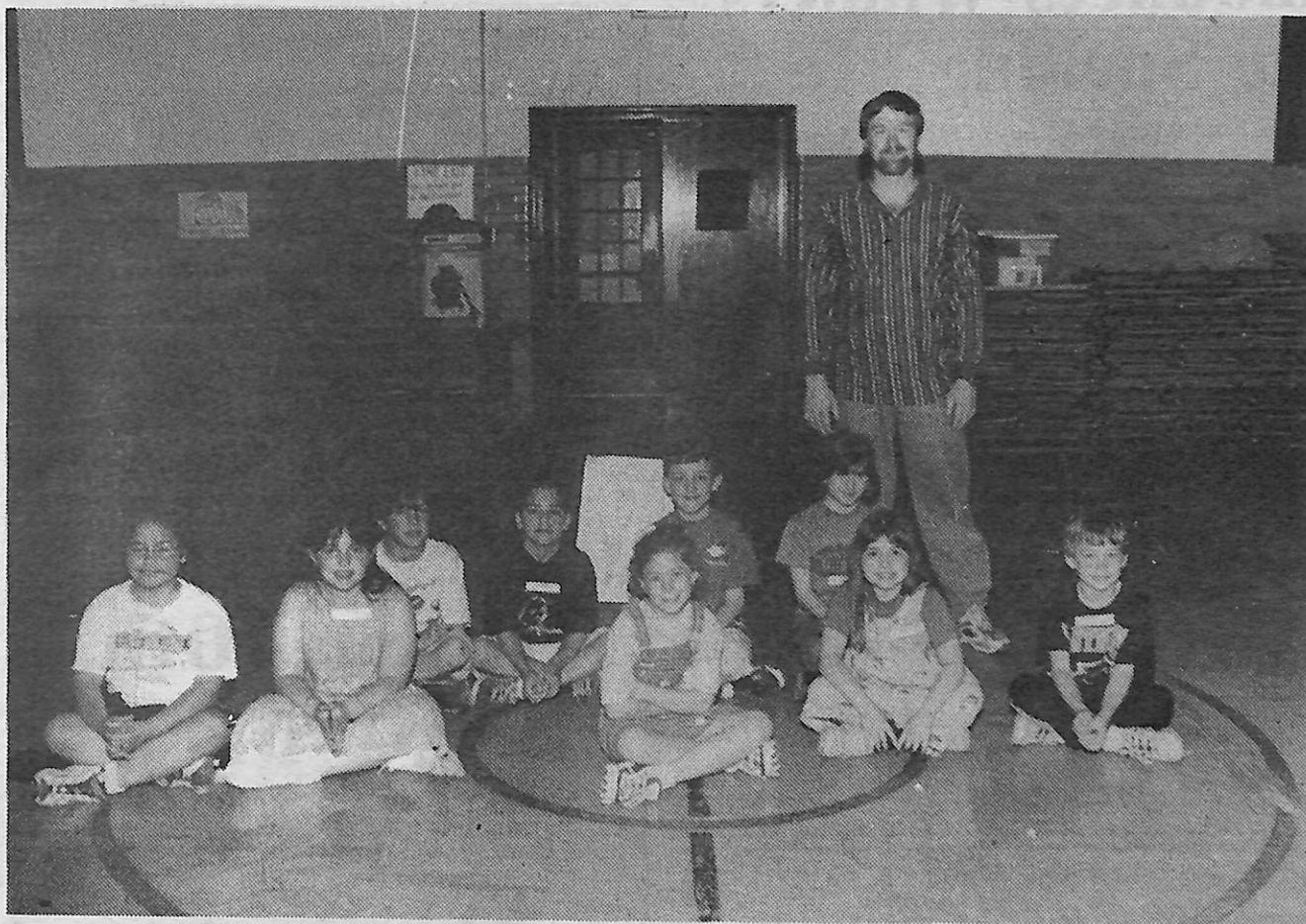


## Poster Contest Winners Named At Jr. High



FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE, the Health Dept., and the Art Dept., at the Junior High recently sponsored a poster contest with the theme "5 A Day For Better Health." Contest winners are pictured with faculty members Barbara Olson and Andrew Kraus - Eliza Dickman, Sofia Thomas, and Christopher Seymour. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## "Mr. Monarchy" At Phelps School



TERRY TERBUSH, "Mr. Monarchy" recently appeared at Phelps School to teach second graders about the life cycle of the butterfly. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## 1998 SUMMER FUN CLUB Is Taking Applications

The West Springfield Boys & Girls Club is accepting applications for their 1998 SUMMER FUN CLUB. The program is open to any girl or boy age five through 14.

The club's supervised hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 615 Main Street, West Springfield.

Fees are \$50 per week for the first child, \$45 per week for the second child, and \$40 for third child. The cost breaks down to just over \$1 per hour for a completely structured program.

The weekly times are (1) June 22nd-26th, Orientation; (2) June 29th-July 2nd, New Games; (3) July 6th-10th, Multi-Cultural; (4) July 13th-17th, Multi-Cultural; (5) July 20th-24th, Carnival; (6) July 27th-31st; (7) Aug. 3rd-7th, Science/Nature; (8) Aug. 10th-14th, Special Projects; (9) Aug. 17th-21st, Party Week.

There will also be weekly trips. Possible trips include rollerskating, New Gate Prison, Discovery Zone, Worcester Science Museum, and Mystic Aquarium.

Trips will be posted before the Summer Fun Club begins. For more information, call 736-1831.

## Openings Still Available In Agawam Parks & Rec. Camps

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department has openings in the following camps: Pre-School Camp (ages four & five); Perry Lane Park Day Camp (ages six-11); and Teen Camp (ages 11 and up).

The camps run in two-week sessions beginning June 29th. Non-residents may register after Memorial Day.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

## UMass Amherst To Host Reunion '98 Program In June

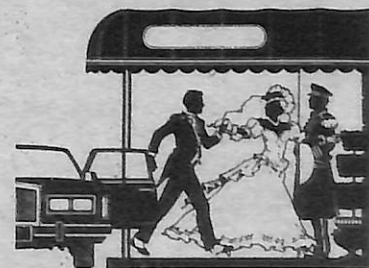
The University of Massachusetts Amherst is hosting its Reunion '98 program from Friday, June 5th, through Sunday, June 7th, for alumni in the classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, and Emeriti (those who have already celebrated their 50th reunion).

The weekend activities will include special faculty presentations, a parade, a barbecue, and evening class banquets. Registration is required.

For more information, please contact the UMass Alumni Office at (800) 456-UMASS or (413) 545-2317.

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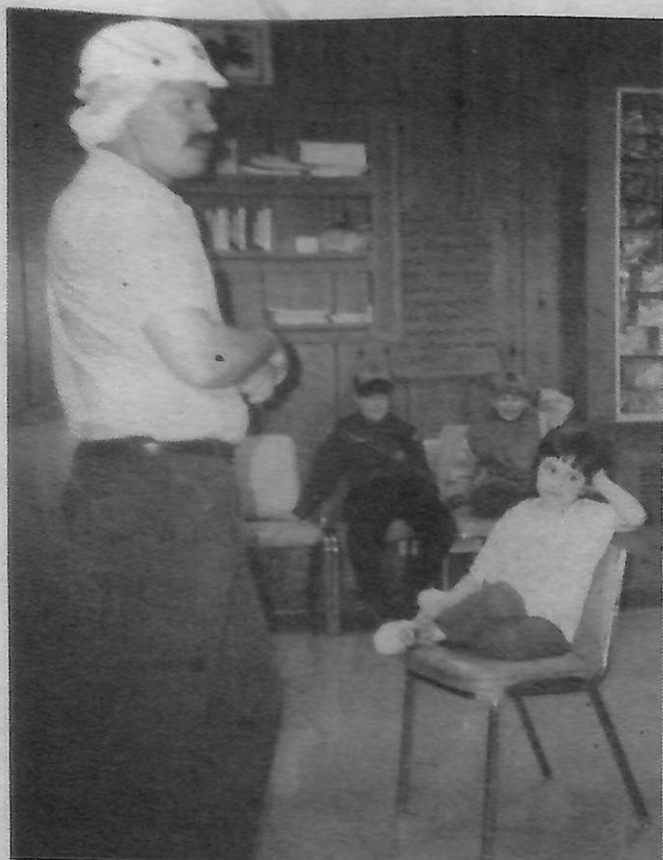
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## Cub Pack 75 Maintains Busy Schedule



CUB SCOUT PACK 75 recently paid a visit to the Hood Ice Cream Plant in Connecticut. Above, Hood employee Gary McCarthy chats with members from Dens 2 & 3. The young girl in front who also attended was Chapin Cannizzaro.

## Early Childhood Kids Raise Funds Via Easter Seal Event

Youngsters from Agawam Early Childhood Center, Agawam, hopped recently to help people with disabilities expand their independence, raising \$1,630.64 in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING.

The children spent a week learning about disabilities — what causes them, how disabilities affect people's everyday lives, the equipment used to cope. After that, they were ready to help.

Each child secured donations from family and friends for every hop performed during a three-minute HOP-N-ING. The funds raised help provide Easter Seal services for men, women, and children with disabilities.

Easter Seal services include summer camp, adaptive swim programs, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, equipment loan, technology for independence, support groups for people recovering from strokes and information and referral services.

Last year, nearly 11,700 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising \$210,025. The HOP-N-ING is sponsored by T J Maxx, WWLP-TV22 and Business Equipment Depot.

## Retirement Dinner For Larry Sheehan June 11

A retirement dinner to honor Larry Sheehan will be held on Thursday, June 11th at Shaker Farms Country Club on Shaker Road in Westfield.

Mr. Sheehan has been a social studies teacher at Agawam High School since 1961. This event will be an opportunity for friends, co-workers, and former students to pay tribute to his hard work and dedication as a teacher for the past 37 years.

There will be a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. For tickets, contact Abbie Sheehan at 739-0333 or Cathy Sheehan Molta at 569-5366.



IN TOP PHOTO, Cub Scouts from Pack 75 enjoy their Hood Ice Cream while visiting the Connecticut Hood plant. Back row - Jeffrey Klaus, Timothy Riley, Andrew White, Aaron Gouty, Paul Mazza, and Jonathan Cesan. Front row - Alex Zagata, Paul Vermette, Colby Cannizzaro, Zachery Shirley, and David Hebert, Jr. IN PHOTO BELOW, Den 1 scouts receive their awards at the recent Blue & Gold Banquet. Scouts pictured are Michael Draghetti, Colby Cannizzaro, David Hebert Jr., Timothy Riley, Zachery Shirley, and Paul Vermette.



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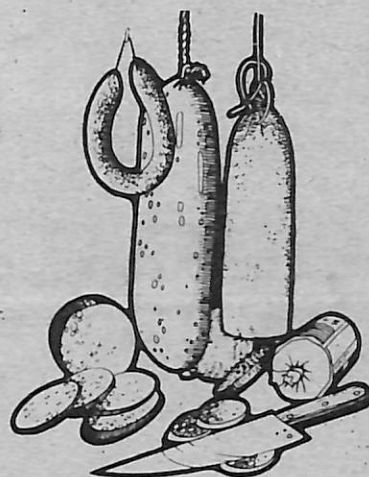
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## Sports

# Pair Of First Places For Maloni To Lead All AHS Entrants At PVIAC Track Meet

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The PVIAC's in track and field are intended to showcase the talents of various individuals who compete in the sport. Last Saturday, May 23rd, they were held at Central High School for the teams in the tough Valley League. The Agawam girls' team came into the meet at 8-1. The boys' record was 3-5. On this day, however, records were not the issue.

The girls showed well, led by the kids who also did well during the regular season. The long jump saw Agawam's **Lonnie DeLuca** take a third with a distance of 14'9". The winning leap was 16'1" by Cathedral star Kerry Kavenaugh. Lonnie had a leap of 16'2" earlier in the season against Minnechaug; so, if she'd been at her best, she wins.

Brownie sophomore **Kerry McGeoghan** was first in the triple jump at 34'8", which was one of her best performances of the year. She took a second in the high jump at five feet even. She soared to 5'2" during the regular season. The winning jump was 5-0, so Kerry had the potential to win that event.

Junior **Barbara Maloni** won the shot put by a country mile. She heaved the steel ball 35'2½" — an AHS record. How good was it? Second place went to Lenora Mays of Cathedral. The Panther senior managed a 31'11". In a meet earlier in the year against Cathedral (a 95-50 Panther win),

Maloni threw the same distance to take first in that event.

It was no contest in the discus. The Brownies' **Lindsay Hadden** spun it out 103'6" to whip second-place finisher KC Washington of Longmeadow (99'10"). It was a semi-bad day for her as far as efforts went. Lindsay, in a dual meet with Minnechaug and Amherst just before the PVIAC's, recorded a distance of 110'4½".

Maloni took a third in the javelin at 92'9". It was below her best throw of 100'5". The winning spear chuck was 115'5". Observers say that if Maloni could find time to shoehorn practice in that event into all she does in track and field, she'll be a factor in there as well.

**Lauren DeLuca** was third in the pole vault at 8' even.

Sophomore **Marie Buendo** was second in the 100 meters. It was one of her best times of the season.

Maloni surfaced again in the 400. It's an event she has labored hard to master. Her work ethic paid off on this day, with a winning time of 61.1 — her best of the year. Girls' assistant track Coach Dan Pryce has said this all season long about the junior who was tops in the shot put and the 400: "Barbara wants to start in everything she does. She has a tremendous amount of drive and a

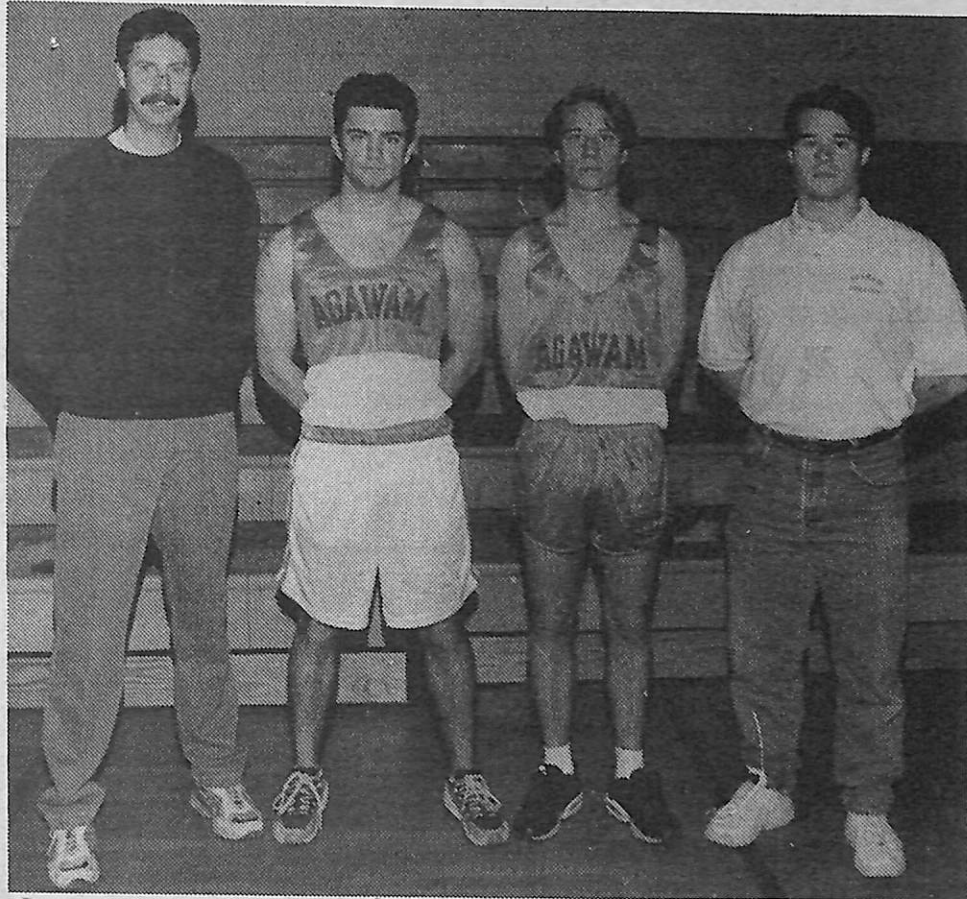
positive attitude to go with it."

The boys, while not as successful overall as their female counterparts, did make some impressions. Tops was junior **Peter Bitzas**. Bitzas grabbed a third (40'5½") and a second (5'8") in the triple jump and the high jump, respectively. He has done better in the triple (42'1¾" vs Minnechaug) and the high jump (5'10," twice). His best times in the two would have seen him take a first in both PVIAC events. But track and field is a funny game.

Another rising junior star, **Marc Pedraza**, was third in the discus with a spin of 132'4" — his best of the year.

Senior **Kevin Hill** was a third-place finisher in the javelin with a chuck of 153' even. His former best was 143'1". The winner, junior Mike Pike of Westfield, threw it 160'8".

All-Western Mass. hurdler **Ian Lane** took a second in the 110 high hurdles at 15.4. The kid who beat him, Central's Greg Devine (14.6), is a burner as well. Ian has been hurting all year long with injuries. The challenge for him this week will be to get healthy for the Western Mass. Championships coming up this weekend. He will almost certainly meet Devine there, who beat him earlier in the year in an Agawam 96½-39½ win over Central.



AGAWAM HIGH TRACK COACH BILL DILLON and Assistant Coach Joe Bianca, and senior captains Ian Lane and Brad Tilden, are hoping the Brownies can make a move at this Saturday's Western Mass. Championships. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR BARBARA MALONI won both the shot put and the 400 meter dash at last Saturday's PVIAC Track & Field Meet at Central High School. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



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Agawam Vs Central - Baseball...

## St. Jean Battles Strange To Wire But AHS Falls, 3-0

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Jugs Gun jockeys, who follow Central High pitcher Pat Strange around like bears after honey, got two for the price of one last Friday afternoon.

While they had come to see the Golden Eagles feature his firepower, they couldn't help but train their gear on Agawam High sophomore hurler Brian St. Jean.

Neither ended up with the decision in Central's (12-5) 3-0, 11-inning win. But it was a heady afternoon indeed watching the king of the Western Mass. pitchers go up against a possible heir apparent at sunny and packed Harmon Smith Field.

The Brownies (15-4, ranked number two in Division I) were still smarting from a 6-5 loss earlier in the season to the Eagles at their place. A big six-run fifth inning, which included a Strange homer and a bunch of errors, had done them in then. They were determined, with ace St. Jean on the hill, that lightning would not strike twice.

For the time that they were in the game, St. Jean and Strange didn't disappoint, though the Agawam hitters had Strange on the ropes several times.

After Central went quietly in the top of the first, Agawam went right to work. Left fielder Brady Martin led off with a single to right. With one out, Austin Kimball reached on an error. Ryan Progulski pounded one to deep short — deep enough so no throw was going to get anyone at any base. That loaded them up with one out.

Then Strange showed why the Jugs Guns have a love affair with him. The big guy, bound for the University of Miami baseball program in the fall, reared back and threw aspirins that gave the next two hitters headaches of the strikeout variety.

St. Jean, who has a decent heater of his own, struck out two Golden Eagles in the second to give him four after two. He had six after three, and eight whiffs after four. He would go on to fan 11 in 10 innings of work. Strange had five strikeouts after four innings (12 total), but the Brownies thought they'd found a chink in his armor when they saw him in the fifth.

There were two outs when the Eagles' ace suddenly contracted a bout of wildness. He whacked shortstop Mike Wing, then did likewise to Kimball. Progulski dodged a Strange bullet and drew a walk to load them up.

However, Bryan O'Quinn looped a ball to second and, with Strange covering first, made the final out of the inning. For the second time in the game, the Brownies were frustrated.

This was a game for those aficionados who love great pitching. Both kids shut the offenses down in the sixth. Crunch time in regulation came in the seventh.

St. Jean, who pitches beyond his young years, set Central down in order. Strange was called on to produce in the bottom of the inning. He got two outs, then Wing doubled down the leftfield line. Kimball and Progulski, showing the good eye, walked. There were two outs with the bases full — the third time in the game for Agawam. Another Strange strikeout sent things into overtime with the score 0-0.

### A Slight Central Threat...

The eighth saw a slight Central threat. They had men on second and third with two out. St. Jean, who has a wicked knuckle change for his off-pitch, elected to use it at 2-2 instead of his fastball. The dust-off got him out of the inning. But Agawam went in order in its half of the inning.

Both teams went down in the ninth. The big crowd was restless. Runs in this one were getting as hard to come by as a winning Powerball number.

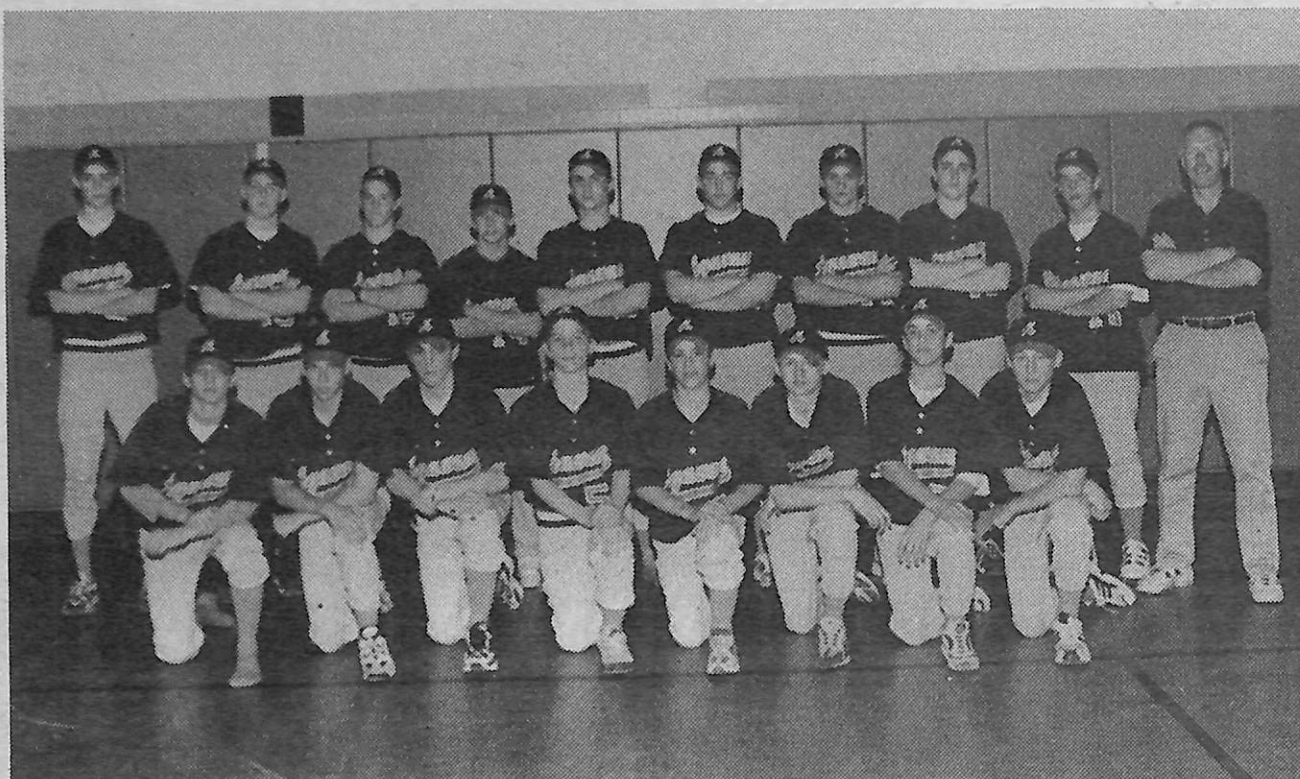
Eagle Coach John Kiah made a decision to sit Strange in the 10th. His club failed to score in the top of the inning, and his ace had thrown enough for the day. He replaced Strange with junior Rocky Kelly, who got the Brownies in order.

Agawam Coach Pete Clark also made a move. St. Jean left in favor of junior Dave Federico to start the 11th inning. Then things happened fast. A lead-off double, an intentional walk to Strange (who would eventually score what proved to be the winning run), and a fielder's choice for an out, a single, and a walk saw Central score three runs just like that.

Indeed, maybe in a different way, lightning had struck again. The shell-shocked Brownies had one last gasp in the bottom of the inning. Save for a two-out single by Andy St. Jean, it was not to be.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Martin, 1-5; Wing 1-3 (2b), 2 sb; Kimball, 0-3; Progulski, 1-3; O'Quinn, 0-5; Cornwell, 0-5; Sullivan, 0-4; A. St. Jean, 1-5; Hanscom, 0-4.

## Freshmen Baseball Has Strong Season



**THE AGAWAM HIGH FRESHMAN BASEBALL** team has enjoyed a very strong season. Team members are, back row, from left - Bill Campana, Brian Benson, Nick Beaudette, Jesse Kelleher, Lou Conte, Tony LeClair, Mike Bonesteel, Mike Cook, Sean Gaffney, and Coach Paul Bachini. Front row - Aaron Gilbert, Marc Barcomb, Mike Hill, Mike Brunelle, Cory Federico, Ben Lapins, Mike Federico, and Brandon Donovan. Advertiser Nedws photo by Jack Devine.

**PITCHING:** St. Jean, 11 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 11 SO, 0.00 ERA. Federico (L), 1 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO, 21.00 ERA.

**CENTRAL:** 3 R, 8 H, 1 E, 9 LOB. **AGAWAM:** 0 R, 4 H, 1 E, 11 LOB.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Agawam Coach Pete Clark on why he choose to walk Strange in the 11th: "The last game he beat us with a homerun. I played the percentages." Clark on the game: "It was a great matchup of the two best pitchers in Western Mass." Brian St. Jean came in at 6-0 and stayed that way. Dave Federico took the loss.

Pat Strange on the phalanx of Jugs Guns: "They don't bother me. I actually don't notice them much anymore." Strange (.062 ERA coming in) kept his 6-0 record intact. Opponents had batted .119 against him. Agawam had three hits in 26 at-bats in the game for a .115 average. Strange had 77 strikeouts coming in; his 12 against the Brownies raised that number to 89.

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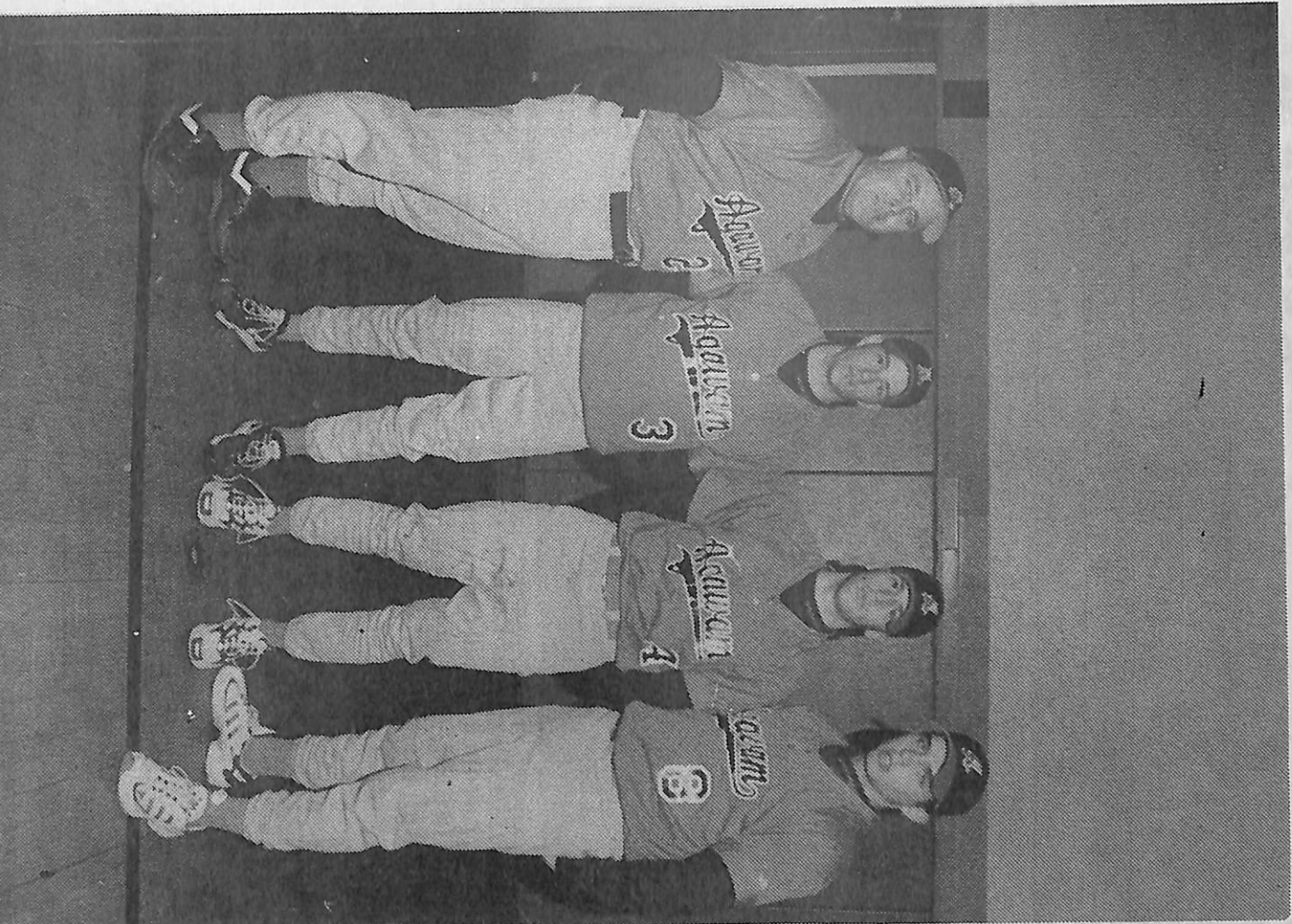
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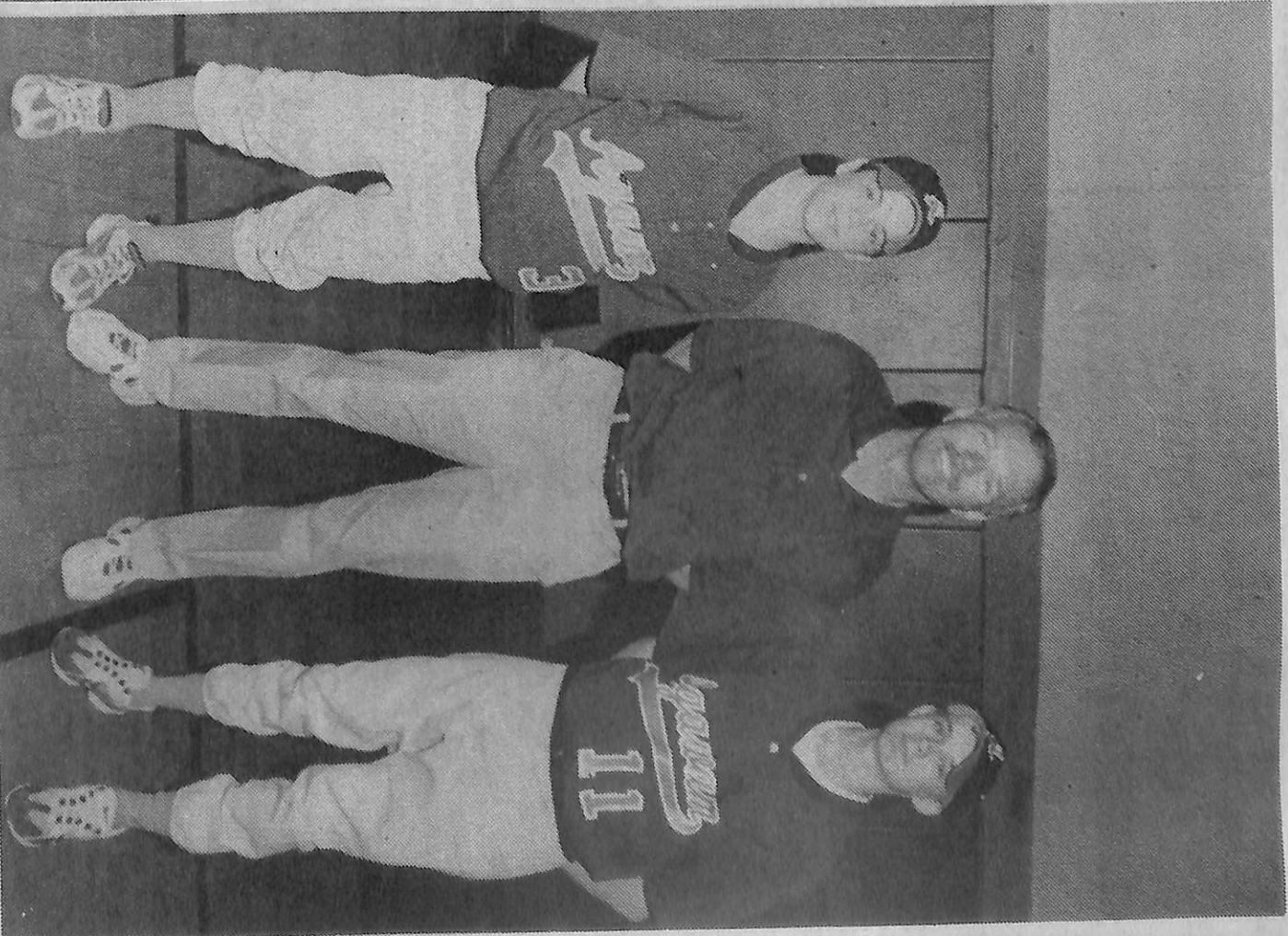


## AHS Senior Baseball Players...

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PETE CLARK (left), the head coach of the Agawam High School baseball team, with his senior team players: Mike Wing, Andrew St. Jean, and Austin Kimball. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PAUL BACHINI, the coach of Agawam High's freshman baseball team, with team members Cory Federico and Ben Lapins. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Ryan Grealis Reflects On His Days As A "Grappling" Brownie

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Ryan Grealis has been an outstanding scholar/athlete at Agawam High School for four years. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days at AHS. Ryan is 17 years-old. He'll turn 18 on July 6th. He's 5'10" and 155 pounds.

The three-year honor roll student, with a 3.50 GPA, already has enough credits to graduate, so he's taking some courses of choice to finish out his high school career. They include conceptual physics, integrated math, and psychology. Psychology is his favorite course. Edward Merrill, who teaches it, is his favorite instructor.

Ryan will be headed for Western New England College when fall rolls around. He plans to major in sports management with an eye someday to becoming an athletic director on the high school level. He is also mulling over a continuation of his wrestling career while at WNEC. "There is a 142-pound spot open for me. I have to see if I'll be as dedicated to the sport in college as I was in high school," he admitted.

### Three-Sport Career

Ryan played three sports during his AHS career - soccer, wrestling, and lacrosse. In wrestling, he started all four years and won 65 matches. As a senior, he was a captain and was also named to the All-Western Mass. team (135's) as a member of the Western Mass. champion Brownies. In lacrosse, he is one of the team's top scorers and a captain.

His favorite sport is wrestling. "I like it because it's so individual. Only you, in the end, can determine whether you win or lose," he said.

His most memorable sports moment came last winter when Agawam High wrestling reclaimed the Western Mass. title (the team's 11th in 12 years). "We lost it the year before and had to get it back. It was a matter of pride," he noted.

Currently, he is playing lacrosse where he's been a three-year starter. The team is young and inexperienced, but is learning. "We're coming along. The win over West Springfield (7-6) last Friday was a big step," he smiled.

His favorite fare is pasta - any kind.

Green is his top color.

If he could tool around town in the car of his choice, Ryan says it would be a Ferrari.

His top athlete is Abdul Shabazz, a graduate of Putnam High School who wrestles for Western New England College.

When Ryan kicks back, he likes to do it at his girlfriend's house. She is none other than soccer star Gina Loudfoot.

Jeans, t-shirts, and comfortable threads are the favorite section of his wardrobe.

His favorite music is heavy metal, including groups like Metallica, AC-DC, Guns and Roses, etc.

Tops on the tube for him is "King of the Hill."

Vision Quest is his favorite flick. The name of the hero in that film is Loudon Swain, a high school wrestler with great dreams who had the courage to fulfill them. "That's my nickname with the wrestling team," Ryan smiled.

Ryan has a young brother, Kevin, who wrestles and plays lacrosse. His older sister, Tara, is a sophomore at WNEC. His mom's name is Marge. His dad's name is Dan.

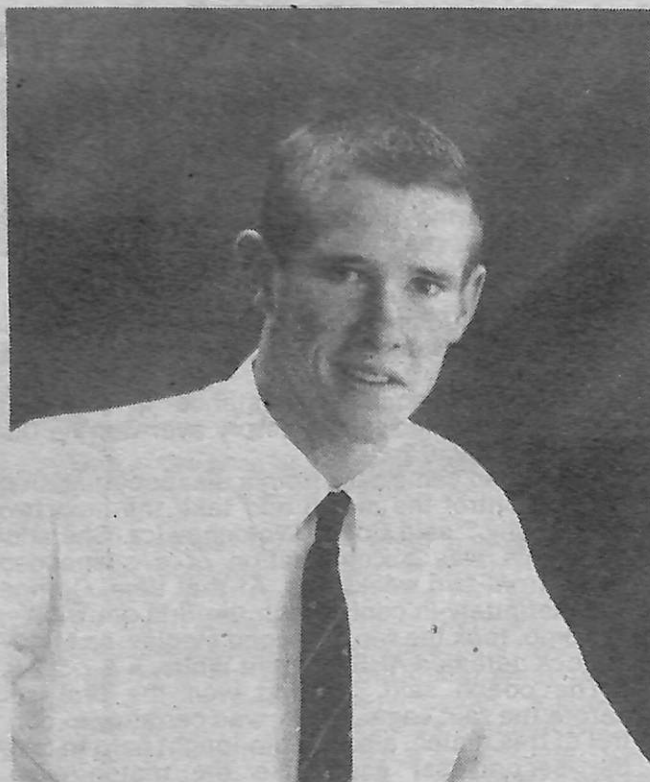
### Coach Tomkiel His Hero

The person he looks up to the most is Agawam High wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel. "I admire what he does and how much he loves coaching. He's a great guy," Ryan said.

His days at AHS are quickly coming to a close. How would he like to be remembered? "As a hard-working kid," he said.

Tomkiel had this to say of his blue chipper - "Ryan has a great work ethic. He leads by example. He's very intelligent and can figure out how to get where he wants to go. Ryan is a special type of kid."

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## AHS Girls' Tennis Team Finishes Regular Season At 8-7 After Third Straight Win

The Agawam High School girls' tennis team finished its 1998 season with an 8-7 record, thanks to victories over its final three opponents.

Against Central High School, the Brownies prevailed by the score of 3-2.

In first singles, **Maureen Dimock** faced Alicia Everett and went 6-4, 0-6, and then defaulted to the Central player.

"After a decent start, Maureen had to come off the court and default to Alicia due to an injury," said Brownies' Coach Mary Wolochowicz.

**Kaitlin White**, in second singles, faced Deidra Joyal and came away with a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

The AHS coach stated, "Kaitlin got off to a slow start and then proceeded to win the next six games in a row to take the first set. Deidra made a good effort, but once Kaitlin got going, she was hard to stop."

In third singles action, Agawam was victorious again, thanks to **Janice Balicki's** 6-3, 6-1 win over Elissa Kluiko.

"Janice remains undefeated in league play so far," said Wolochowicz, adding, "By beating Central, she won her last six games in a row. Janice's steady style makes her very tough to beat."

The first doubles match saw **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** taking on the Central duo of Georgia Clark and Suzanne Levesque, 6-4, 3-6, (6-8) tiebreak.

"Courtney and Seema started out well, but the team from Central forced many errors," remarked the coach. "With split sets and Agawam already having won the match, we played a tiebreak for the third set. It was tight the entire way, and Central made two outstanding shots in a row to win."

In the final contest on this day, Annie Hetzel and Alison Montagne of Central bowed to Agawam's second doubles tandem, **Andrea Cizek**

and **Wendy Gonzales**, 6-3, 6-3.

Wolochowicz said, "Andrea and Wendy have been improving dramatically with every match and in this match, they showed some great ground strokes and some excellent net play."

Chicopee Comp. was the Brownies' next opponent, and AHS continued its winning ways via a 3-2 victory.

**Maureen Dimock's** persistence in the first singles match led to her victory over Corrine Dumont, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

"Maureen came back from a disappointing first set to control the match and take the next two sets easily," said Coach Wolochowicz. She added, "This was a continuation of a suspended game from two weeks ago. At that time, Corrine was definitely in control with the first set win."

Comp. took the win in second singles, as Mindy Tullock defeated AHS's **Kaitlin White**, 5-7, 7-5, 2-6.

The coach said, "Having won the first set before the rain came, Mindy was certainly in control of this match, also. Kaitlin fought hard to take the second set and make the match even. However, Mindy still had some good shots left and battled back to win."

In third singles, **Janice Balicki** took the victory from Suzanne Thornton, 6-2, 6-1.

"Once again, Janice earned a much-needed point to help us win this match," stated Wolochowicz. "Janice finished before the match was suspended and assured us of a point. Janice's style makes her opponent make the mistakes."

**Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** lost the first doubles contest to Jessie Scott and Katie Scott, 1-6, 2-6.

"Courtney and Seema could not stand up to the

hard-hitting sisters. Jessie kept her hard first serve going in, and the sisters did a great job at the net," said the coach.

In second doubles, **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** faced Aimee Dupuis and Sylvi Vesser, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

Wolochowicz was proud, saying, "Andrea and Wendy played a super match, putting away balls at the net and controlling with great ground strokes."

Facing Chicopee High School, Agawam resoundingly dominated the competition and came away with a 5-0 victory.

In first singles action, **Maureen Dimock** defeated Cindy Hollister by the score of 6-0, 6-1.

**Kaitlin White** thrashed Beth Simpson, easily taking the second singles match by 6-0, 6-0.

The Brownies' continued their winning ways in third singles, thanks to **Janice Balicki's** 6-0, 6-1 win over her Chicopee High opponent, Awilda Lopez.

The first doubles match saw a continuation of AHS's winning streak, as **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** took care of Colleen Zemrock and Amanda O'Connell, 6-0, 6-2.

Not wanting to be outdone by their teammates, **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** won their second doubles contest over Laura Lavalley and Corry Partyka, 6-1, 6-0.

Coach Wolochowicz said, "Agawam swept an inexperienced Chicopee team, losing only a few games. Chicopee played a spirited and friendly game and, with most players returning next year, will be more competitive."

"Agawam finished the season 8-7 and should qualify for the Western Mass. Tourney. Chicopee has yet to win a match," concluded Wolochowicz.

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# Brownie Girls' Lacrosse Looking For High Seed In Upcoming Tourney

## Undefeated Falcons Use Huge 2nd Half To Overwhelm AHS

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' lacrosse team had a tall order to fill Tuesday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field. Unbeaten (14-0) Minnechaug Regional was in town. The Falcons had beaten the Brownies 15-6 earlier in the season and it was payback time to the host's way of thinking. And for a while, they were doing just that, until the roof fell in on the way to a 13-4 loss and a 12-4 final regular season record.

The Brownies started out in good shape. With just under two minutes gone, Christina Gregory, Sheri Benton, and Ann Paquette used some crisp passing to penetrate deep into the Falcon zone. At the 2:50 mark, Benton took a feed from Paquette and scored to put Agawam up, 1-0.

Minnechaug didn't come in with a perfect record without doing something right. They have a strong passing attack as well. Two minutes later, they scored off of it to tie things at 1-1.

Despite some good defense by Cheryl Lanier and Alison Pratt, Minnechaug scored again at 7:35. Down 2-1, Agawam, behind Lindy Gage and Pratt, put pressure on the Falcons' goal nine minutes into the game. Gage had an open shot at the net, but couldn't pull the trigger. Paquette had an opportunity as well, but got robbed on a good save by Falcon keeper Becky Budynkiewicz. Sara Drenzek also had a shot on a direct shot off a Falcon penalty, but Budynkiewicz robbed her, too.

### Locals Triple Teamed

Minnechaug was constantly triple teaming the Brownie with the ball, which had to frustrate the hosts. That swarming defense turned into a good offensive effort and another Falcons' score at the 17:17 mark.

But the Brownies, playing well, weren't out of it. Jill DeMarco and Kara Barnes worked a deal with 10 minutes gone. Barnes took the snap pass from Jill and shot from 15-feet out on the right wing. Her shot just sailed over the crossbar - six inches lower and it's a goal.

When Agawam got the ball, they tried to work from behind the net with an eye towards the cutter. It's a strategy that has worked well for them in the past. This time, however, the Falcon defenders were so quick that the Brownie shooters had a tough time getting open.

The Falcons, off an interception, attacked with six minutes left in the half. Falcon star Jolette Germain had a dead-on shot from 10 feet in front of the Brownie goal. Agawam's sophomore keeper, Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, was right there to make an outstanding save.

That effort by Dupelle put a charge into the Agawam offense. They stormed into the Minnechaug zone, led by Benton, Amanda Sternowski, and Paquette. The Falcons got a little too frisky on defense and drew a flag. Paquette took a shot off the ensuing free possession and scored to make it 3-2, Minnechaug.

For the balance of the first half, the Brownies, behind Gage, Lanier, and Kate Shannon, put pressure on the Falcon net, but couldn't convert. Intermission saw them down, 3-2. Agawam had five first-half shots on goal. Minnechaug recorded seven.

### Second Half Starts On Bright Side For Locals

The second half started off on the bright side for the Brownies. Drenzek was working behind the Falcon net. Gage escaped her defender and broke towards the goal. Drenzek hit her with a pinpoint pass and the senior attacker drove the ball home to tie things at 3-3 with 1:52 gone.

The Falcons, who seemed to be able to turn it on whenever they had a notion, scored a minute later. Then, in a space of 15 minutes, they recorded seven unanswered goals - or about a score every two minutes. The Brownies' final point came with nine minutes left off the stick of Benton (her second goal for the game).

Agawam had four second-half shots on goal for a game total of nine. The Falcons attempted 17 for a game total of 24.

Before things got underway Agawam Coach Cindy Grieve knew what they were up against. "The kids will have to play their best to have a chance. Even if they don't win, a good effort should get them in the right frame of mind for the playoffs," she noted. The effort was there. However, Minnechaug is an outstanding lacrosse team and will, without a doubt, be the top seed in the upcoming Western Mass. Tournament.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Benton - 2 goals; Gage - 1 goal; Paquette - 1 goal, 1 assist; Drenzek - 1 assist.

## DiMarco (4 goals), Paquette & Drenzek (3) Lead Scoring Parade Over Tigers, 16-7

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

This is the time of year when teams headed for the Western Mass. Tournament begin to fine-tune their games.

So it was last Thursday when the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team traveled to South Hadley for a tune-up against the Tigers. The 16-7 Brownie win once again showcased their firepower (17 ppg average) and underscored Agawam's 12-3 record.

The Brownies started out doing what they do best - pass. Senior Cheryl Lanier, sophomore Kate Shannon, and senior Jill DeMarco moved the ball expertly upfield against a scrambling Tigers defense. Junior attacker Christina Gregory benefited with a goal at 22:23 from 10 feet out in the middle. Sophomore Sheri Benton got the assist.

South Hadley came back two minutes later. Agawam sophomore goalie Mary Elizabeth Dupelle made a tough save. Benton, sophomore midfielder Amanda Sternowski, and Kara Barnes then passed the ball upfield, barely missing a goal. The Tigers returned the pressure and scored at 19:39 to tie it at one apiece.

The Tigers, who had fallen big-time (13-2) earlier in the season at Harmon Smith Field, seemed buoyed by their display of offense and scored again at 17:30. That 2-1 Tiger edge prompted Brownie Coach Cindy Grieve to call a time-out, where she proceeded to give her troops their marching orders.

Sometimes advice seeps down slowly. A minute or so after her talk, the coach saw the Tigers score once more off a free possession to take a 3-1 lead.

Agawam's second goal came off some good defensive work turned in by the long sticks of Benton (who played a physical game throughout) and Lanier. They broke up a Tiger charge and mounted a charge of their own. A pass from senior captain Lindy Gage on the left wing hit senior captain Sara Drenzek over the middle. Drenzek slung it home to make the score 3-2, Brownies with 14:12 left in the half.

Agawam, behind some tough defense provided by Lanier, jacked its passing attack up another notch. DeMarco flipped one to Ann Paquette, who split the defense at 11:22 and tied it at 3-3. Barnes hit paydirt at the 9:00 mark off an assist from DeMarco to go up 4-3. The Brownies got some breathing room a minute later as Paquette converted off a pass from Barnes to make it 5-3.

South Hadley had a free possession shot with 8:30 to go in the half and cashed in, making it 5-4, Agawam. Dupelle, who would have nine save in the first half, made a good one at the 6:50 mark. Agawam came back and got a free possession of its own. Paquette made it for her third goal of the game and a 6-4, Brownie advantage.

Drenzek, who is almost unstoppable in the crease, had her position all staked out with 4:29

left. Paquette, playing heads-up, saw her there. Sara caught the pass and drove it by the Tiger goalie, upping the Agawam lead to 7-4. The Tigers answered 20 seconds later, making it 7-5.

South Hadley went on another of its rushes. However, it was blunted by Lanier, senior defender Alison Pratt, and Barnes. The Tigers did end up with a free possession, but Dupelle shut the shooter down with another quality save.

Drenzek got her third goal of the game with 1:37 left when the Tigers couldn't stop the senior, who was camped out point blank in front of their net. Shannon got into the act with a score at the 29:10 mark. Drenzek got credit for the assist.

The half ended with the Brownies up, 9-5. They had 13 shots on the Tigers' goal. South Hadley countered with 14 attempts.

### Some "Fired-Up" Tigers...

The Tigers came out fired-up to start the second half. Again, the Agawam defenders, led by the double- and triple-teaming of Shannon, Lanier, and Benton, blunted the drive. Some nice passing between Paquette, DeMarco, and Benton (which covered the length of the field) saw Benton, working the left wing, score off an assist from DeMarco to put Agawam up 10-5 with 8:55 gone. The goal was set up by a nice pass off Paquette's stick from behind the Tigers' net.

DeMarco, a scoring machine, got the first of her four goals of the game two minutes later on an unassisted blast from 20 feet out on the left wing. Things got worse for the hosts at 15:42 when Paquette got her fourth from six feet out on the left wing off an assist from Benton, making it 12-5, Agawam. DeMarco struck again at 14:06 on a crossing pass from the left to the middle. Paquette was credited with the assist. The score stood at 13-5, Brownies.

DeMarco scored her third of the game and Agawam's 14th at 11:57 after she accepted a pass from Shannon and muscled her way down the middle for the goal.

South Hadley got one back two minutes later, but by that point the Tigers were all but decimated. DeMarco scored again from Gregory with 7:26 to go, making it 15-6. South Hadley got its final score with 5:30 left.

Throughout much of the second half, the Agawam defense kept the Tigers out of any offensive continuity while the Agawam offense continually hit the player cutting behind the opposition's defense. The Brownies' final score came off the stick of Gregory (from Benton) with three minutes to go.

They got points from DeMarco, 4 goals, 3 assists; Paquette, 4 goals, 2 assists; Drenzek, 3 goals, 1 assist; Gregory, 2 goals, 1 assist; Benton, 1 goal, 3 assists; Barnes, 1 goal, 1 assist; Shannon, 1 goal, 1 assist; and Gage, 1 assist.

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# Schoolgirl Softball... The Remainder Of The Season Will Be Tough For The Brownies

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

At presstime, the Agawam High girls' softball team is 13-3 and 2-3 in the Valley League. Presently they occupy fourth place in the league behind Northampton, Amherst, and Westfield. West Springfield is bringing up the rear.

Last week, the Brownies had a relatively rough go. They pulled out that 2-1, eight-inning squeaker against West Side. Then Amherst beat them, 2-1 - the second time this season the Hurricanes have handed Agawam a setback. Last Friday, the Brownies took out Northampton, 8-2.

This week will be tough. They play West Side at Harmon Smith Field at presstime and Friday travel to Westfield for their regular season finale. That game against the Bombers won't be a walk in the park - they beat up on the Brownies, 8-1, back on May 4th, handing them their first loss of the season after 10 straight wins.

Agawam Coach Deb Lickley knows why her club has those three losses. "We just aren't scoring any runs. We've taken extra batting practice, sometimes going at it for an hour during our workouts. You can't generate runs when your bats are quiet," she said recently.

In their three losses, they've scored just five times. The coach noted that it has been the pitching that has saved their bacon more than once this year. Ali Jackobek (7-3), who has turned out to be the ace of the staff after Lindsay Mason started experiencing back problems early on, shouldn't have any numbers in the right-hand column, according to the coach.

Agawam, last season's Western Mass. Division I runner-up, has gone 3-3 after that 10-0 start. They desperately need to win their final two contests for a decent seed in the upcoming Western Mass. Tournament draw.

**JV AND FRESHMAN SOFTBALL LAST WEEK:** The JVs beat Amherst, 8-5. They topped Northampton by nine runs. Coach Lynda Kunasek singled out pitchers Diane Balicki and freshman Tiffany Blackman for their contributions. The JV record, at this writing, stands at 16-1.

**FRESHMAN SOFTBALL:** The freshman softball team beat the Springfield Sabes last week to raise their record to an unblemished 15-0.

**FRESHMAN BASEBALL:** The freshman baseball team had two victories last week to raise their record to 11-4. Last Wednesday, they beat Comp, 7-2. Ben Lapins (5-1) got the win. He went the distance, allowed four hits, walked two, and dusted 13. Friday, they beat Central, also by a score of 7-2. Mike Cook pitched and went five innings. He gave up one run, four hits, three walks, and struck out seven. Sean Gaffney worked the final two innings. Coach Paul Bachini gave special mention to Mike Hill and Bill Campana. "Mike is starting to hit now and Bill has been very effective coming off the bench," he noted.

## Babe Ruth League's Weekly Standings

Berkshire Power Padres	7	1
Christina's Ctry. Store Rockies	3	3
AAMCO Yankees	3	4
Fran's Restaurant Indians	2	4
Bill Walsh's Royals	1	4

Bridgeport Bindery Player of the Week: Travis Reed, Royals.

## Agawam Men's Softball League (As Of May 22nd)

"A" DIVISION			W	L	T
Scrubbers			8	2	0
Bobbie's Bistro			7	1	0
Joey's Pub			5	5	0
E.B.'s			1	8	0
"B" DIVISION			W	L	T
Abbett/Moose			7	2	0
Take 5			5	2	1
Tie Breakers			5	2	1
Pine Point Cafe			4	3	3
Goodfellaz/Grille			4	3	0
Spirit Shoppe			4	4	0
Dante Club			4	4	0
Donnie's Cafe			4	4	0
Riverdale Lanes			3	4	0
Westfield Sporting Goods			3	5	0
Joey's Pub			1	6	1
Collins' Tavern			1	6	0
"B" NATIONAL			W	L	T
Matties			8	2	0
Omniglow			7	2	0
Glenwood Cafe			7	2	0
Teddy Bear Pools			5	4	0
Tital Steele			4	4	0
Turner's			4	4	0
Marlins			4	5	0
Medical Partners			3	4	0
N.E. Warehouse			1	9	0
Olympic Fasteners			1	8	0

## Ag. Little League Major Division Standings (As Of 5/24)

TEAMS	W	L
Teddy Bear Pools' Braves	4	1
Coldwell Banker's Yankees	4	2
Schlafler Chiropractic Indians	4	3
Polish Club Orioles	4	3
Bridgeport National Royals	4	3
Sport's Photo Inc. Mets	4	4
Scott's Citgo Giants	2	4
Hastie Fence Athletics	2	5
Valenti's Dodgers	2	5

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## SHAA Standings For Baseball/Softball (Week Of May 18th-25th)

BOYS 11-12			W	L
Hastie's White Sox			2	4
John's Trucking Orioles			4	1
Luigi's Athletics			5	0
Fitness First Rockies			4	3
Mr. Phipp's Phillies			0	5
Sand Trap Rangers			3	3
Westbank Falcons			4	0
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds			0	6
BOYS 9-10			W	L
Reed's Giants			2	1
Valenti's A's			2	2
E. Cecchi's Sharks			0	4
Westfield Bank Blue Jays			2	3
Polish American Club Rangers			2	2
Orioles (Sponsor Needed)			3	0
Allen Lawnmower Rockies			4	0
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)			1	4
BOYS 7-8 (DPL)			W	L
V & F Auto's Green			2	3
Blimpie Subs' Orange			3	3
Walnut Cleaners R. Blue			5	1
Towne Ins. Co.'s Purple			0	4
Walmart Lt. Blue			2	3
Amerifit Teal			2	0
Navy (Sponsor Needed)			3	3
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)			0	2
Red (Sponsor Needed)			1	1
GIRLS 13-17			W	L
Barker's Mechanical Plastics			4	1
Cressotti's E.B.'s			3	4
Dubay's Cutting Edge			4	3
Goodrow's (Sponsor Needed)			2	4
Shean's (Sponsor Needed)			1	3
GIRLS 10-13			W	L
Mutti's Tolti's Black			2	4
Borsari's River Auto Service			5	1
Kelly's Agawam Credit Union			5	2
Bishop's American Classics			0	6
Cullen's Riverside Park			5	3
Francis's Poolman			4	1
Pisano's T & R Wholesale			1	5
GIRLS 8-10			W	L
Agawam Spirit's Green Gators			2	4
Stan's Orange Tigers			3	2
Kid's Footwear Purple Knights			1	4
Red (Sponsor Needed)			3	1
Teal Seals (Sponsor Needed)			1	4
Yellow Jackets (Sponsor Needed)			5	0

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## March Of Dimes Golf Tourney Expands To Two Locations

Due to an increase in demand, the March of Dimes invitational Golf Classic has now expanded to include Crestview Country Club in Agawam as well as the Springfield Country Club in West Springfield. The Award Banquet will be held immediately thereafter at Chez Josef.

The Eighth Annual event will take place on Monday, June 1st. The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$150 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, cart, wind breaker, towel, a fabulous dinner, prizes, and a great auction.

Many area businesses have donated prizes to the tournament. The auction will offer such items as tickets for two to anywhere in the Continental U.S.A. (donated by Northwest Airlines) and a one-week stay at a luxury condo in Florida.

The major sponsors of this event are Executive Glass, state-wide sponsor, United Industrial Service, Springfield Anesthesia Service, Flamingo Racing, Sanderson-MacLeod, WGGB-TV NEWS 40, and 94.7FM WMAS.

Western Mass. golfers will have the opportunity to join some of the best foursomes in the state. The March of Dimes holds five golf tournaments across Massachusetts from March through October. This year, for the first time, winning foursomes from the Greater Springfield tournament will be invited to compete at the end of the season for the Executive Glass Bay State Trophy.

Attorneys Jim Chadwell and Paul Amata, Co-Chairs of the event, invite all golfers to join the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies and help to fight birth defects and reduce infant mortality. All monies raised will aid the March of Dimes in its mission by way of research, public and professional education, community service, and advocacy.

The March of Dimes recently awarded \$14,500 in local grants. FIRSTSteps, of Northern Educational Service, Inc., Springfield, received \$7,000 for "Demystifying the Medical Visit" workshop series. New North Citizen's Council, Inc. of Springfield received \$7,000 for "Early Utilization of Prenatal Care Services."

These programs will serve to demystify visits to health care professionals and provide comprehensive outreach to women at risk for adverse perinatal outcomes.

A \$500 grant was awarded to the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias in the Springfield Area for their regional conference. The goal is to link families with the services and support they need.

For more information regarding the tournament or the March of Dimes, please call 788-9775.

## NBA Coach & Scouts At Basketball World Day Camp

This summer, Basketball World will conduct day camps at Western New England College in Springfield from July 6th-10th and July 13th-17th, and at Suffield Academy in Suffield, Connecticut, from August 3rd-7th.

The day camp, which is for boys and girls ages seven through 17, is under the direction of NBA Advance Pro Scouts Paul Wissel and Scott Wissel. The Special Guest Instructor at the camps will be New Jersey Nets' Assistant Coach Hal Wissel.

"We give campers the same teachings we give NBA players," said Hal Wissel. "We work with players of all ages and abilities who love basketball and want to become better."

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## Lung Association Getting Ready For Tournament With Riverside Park

The popular American Lung Association Clean Air Golf Tournament, now in its seventh year, has a new major sponsor, Riverside Park.

The tournament, which fields 150 golfers, will be held on Thursday, June 4th at Shaker Farms. Tee time is at 11:30 a.m. with registration starting at 10:00 a.m. Following the tournament, the players and guests will have dinner at the new Riverside Picnic Grove followed by use of the park

facilities.

Individual ticket and corporate tickets are available for those who do not golf, but wish to attend the park and picnic. Rich Tetterer, TV22 Sports Director, will join the activities for that day.

For more information on the Lung Association Day at Riverside Park, call 737-3506. All proceeds will be used to provide asthma education programs.

## Operation Friendship Announces Volleyball Tournament For Saturday, May 30th

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship will be having a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This event will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

Operation Friendship is a youth cultural exchange program organized to encourage interna-

tional friendship and understanding. This summer, the Feeding Hills Chapter will have five travelers to Scotland, three to Northern Ireland, and one to Holland. All monies raised at this tournament will be used to meet their travel expenses.

For more information and registration, call 786-0195.

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## Ed Flemke, Jr. Wins At Riverside Park

*Todd Ceravolo Leads His Team To Bud Riverside 500 Victory*

A celebration of Riverside Park Speedway's 50th anniversary could not have been scripted any better. Second-generation driver Ed Flemke, Jr. of Southington, CT, beat out Park legend Bob Polverari on the final two laps of the 125-lap Modified feature segment of the Bud Riverside 500.

Todd Ceravolo of North Stonington, CT, finished third, giving his team the victory in the overall 500-lap team concept race. Ceravolo's teammates were Keith DeSanctis in the Super Stock division (fourth), Glen Reilly in the Sportsman division (second), Mike Duquette in the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division (seventh), and Jeff Horn in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division (fifth).

Eddy Carroll III of Suffield, CT, won the 125-lap Pro Stock segment. It was Carroll's second victory in 1998. Carroll was followed by Todd Owen, John Lobo, Jr., Barry Gray, and team race winner Jeff Horn in fifth place.

Herb Carlson led most of the 75-lap Sportsman feature before taking down the win. Carlson was followed by Glen Reilly, George Colton, Rick Leavitt, and the previous week's winner, Ed Charette, in fifth. This was the longest race of the year for the Sportsman division.

Also taking in their longest race of the year was the Teddy Bear Pools Truck division and the Super Stock division. The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division ran for 100 laps, and points leader Kris Valerio grabbed her second win of 1998. Valerio was followed by Gee Perry, Brian Merchant, Scott Ciak, and Pat Kretschman.

The 75-lap Super Stock portion was taken by Springfield, MA native Norm Ashline. Ashline was followed by Mark LaJoie, Carl Holmgren, Jr., Keith DeSanctis, and Craig Collins in fifth.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of racing at Riverside Park, 10 new members were inducted into the Riverside Park Speedway Hall of Fame in a short ceremony before the features began.

The crowd welcomed Ray Miller, John Rosati, John Lobo, Sr., Beebe Zalinski, Edward Carroll, Jr. (who accepted the induction for his father, Edward Carroll, Sr.), Sandy Tattersall (who accepted the induction for his grandfather, Harvey Tattersall, Jr.), and Sandra Dixon (who accepted the induction for her husband, the late Dick Dixon).

On hand to witness the ceremonies were Buddy Krebs, Bill Greco, and Cindy Humiston-Weed and Gerald Humiston, Jr., the children of Riverside Park great Jerry Humiston.

Completing a full racing program, the Northeast Antique racers (NEAR) and the Atlantic Coast Old Timers (ACOT) provided exhibitions of racing vehicles from years gone by.

Action continues at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, May 30th, when ACME Auto Supply and Trantolo & Trantolo present the excitement of the NASCAR Winston Racing Series plus a Motorcycle Demolition Derby.



## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Tips On "River" Fishing...

With water levels returning to near normal in the Connecticut River, an angler's fancy turns to bass. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass are there for the taking. If you haven't tried fishing for river smallmouth, give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

Now that you have decided to give it a try, you can boost your success with a little common sense information.

In river fishing, structure is just as important as in fishing a lake or pond. Fish relate to structure, and locating the right structure is the key to fishing success. The factor of current in a river gives structure a special significance. Bars, points, wing dams, and boulders may form current breaks and serve as ambush points for predatory fish such as bass, pike, walleye, and crappies.

When fishing obvious and visible structure such as points and bars, keep in mind that the fish will always be facing the current. Points of land, man-made structures, and underwater bars will change the direction of the current.

Even a relatively small point of land can cause the current to not only change course, but may set up a circular flow in the opposite direction. This is the ideal ambush point for predatory fish and astute fishermen. Remember that the fish will always be facing into the current. Interruptions in the current will cause the fish to orient themselves in the direction of the current flow.

Smaller bait fish may become temporarily disoriented by the sudden change of direction, and give that hungry predator an easy meal. When presenting lures or baits either immediately upstream or downstream of such a current break, watch the direction of the water flow. The fish will face into the current and not necessarily face upstream.

Don't forget to make multiple presentations at likely looking structures, making sure to cover both the upstream and downstream portions.

On rivers such as the Connecticut River, water releases from upstream dams can have a profound effect on more than just the water level. Fish holding patterns that work during the week may be useless on the weekend when power demand is lowest. Power companies often allow water to accumulate above the dam on weekends to provide ample generating capacity for industrial use during the week, when demand is heaviest.

Those portions of a river system that lie below the first upstream dam are influenced by tide changes. In rivers like the Hudson in New York, tide changes have a dramatic effect as far north

as the dam just below Albany! The river may completely change the direction of its flow, and the tidal influence will change everything.

The Connecticut River also has tide changes as far north as Hartford. On an ebbing tide, look for deeper water. When the tide is rising, bait fish will often hug the shoreline cover and that's where the bass will be.

When figuring high and low tides, take a good tide table and calculate. For example, in fishing the Hartford area, add three hours and 58 minutes to the high and low tide times for the Old Saybrook jetty.

Just remember some of the basic keys to fishing current and apply common sense to the situations you encounter. Increased success is yours for the taking. (P.S.: This advice also applies to river run striped bass!!!)

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Connecticut River, Holyoke to Enfield: Shad are the hot item for the next couple of weeks. Stripers are everywhere from the Holyoke Dam to the Enfield Dam. Try the areas just below the Rt. 391 bridge as well as the mouth of the Chicopee River.

Connecticut River, Enfield and south: Shad are still being taken in the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Striped bass are in the river and feeding on blueback herring. The Enfield Dam is giving up some stripers, and the area between the dam and the Rt. 140 bridge is also reported to be producing. Freshly caught live herring is the most often reported bait. Artificials include Rebels, Gag's Mambo Minnows, and saltwater-sized Sluggos.

Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes reports that some nice largemouth are hitting plastic lizards fished Carolina style with medium weight rigs. Shallow structure is accounting for some heavyweights. Trout action is still available for those anglers who know how to fish deeper. Downrigger fishermen and lead core trollers are doing okay during the feeding periods.

Hampden Ponds continue to give up a mixed bag of warm water species, along with stocked trout.

Lake Ontario fishing has produced some fine trophy browns and the usual mix of lakers and salmon. Once the thermal bars set up and stabilize, locating fish should become easier.

### SALT WATER

Long Island Sound to Point Judith, Rhode Island: There have been rumors of some cow bass being taken at night by surf fishermen. Schoolie bass are showing up everywhere, and a few large fish are mixed in with them.

Danny plugs and Gag's Mambo Minnows are reported to be HOT. The chunk-and-dunk crowd seems to be doing just fine on herring and bunker chunks. Boat fishermen are reporting success fishing the usual rips.

Offshore party boats are reporting mostly successful cod trips. Several of the party boat fleets are offering two- and three-day distant water marathon trips. If this type of fishing is your cup of tea, check into some of these multiple-day bargains.

Blue fish are reported showing up from Old Saybrook to the Gut and the Race.

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### Golf Tip Of The Week...

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#### Buckle To The Target...

Many golfers have trouble shifting their weight correctly in the downswing. One good way to get your weight to the left side is to feel that you are throwing your belt buckle at the target.

This initiates the downswing with the lower body, transfers the weight and causes the hands to pull straight down, resulting in a late release and a high finish.



## Golf Outing To Help Big Brothers/Sisters At Twin Hills CC

The first Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters will be held on Monday, June 8th at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow.

Play will be in a scramble format. Registration will be held at 11:00 a.m.; a putting contest and lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. Golfers will tee-off in a shotgun format at 12:30 p.m.

Longest drive and closest to the pin contests will be held. Cocktails in the clubhouse will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available all day.

Proceeds will go towards training, recruiting, and supporting Big Brother and Big Sister mentoring volunteers. To register, call 781-4730.

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## Providence Ministries Slates Second Annual Women's Golf Tournament For June 29th

Attention all women golfers! Holyoke's Providence Ministries for the Needy, Inc., will be holding its **Second Annual Women's Golf Tournament** on Monday, June 29th, and it will be hosted once again by Brenda Garton from Channel 22 News.

Our 18-hole shotgun scramble is open to female golfers of all skill levels and will be held at Wyckoff Country Club.

A shotgun scramble at 12:00 noon will kick off

the event, and the rest of the afternoon will include a host of activities for all who join in on the festivities. One bonus being offered at this time is a "hole-in-one" to participating golfers who will have the opportunity to win an automobile from Magna Buick.

Dinner will follow and will include various raffles and door prizes.

For further details, please call PMN's main office at 536-9109. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

## UNICO Planning 1st Annual Golf Outing At Ag. CC

On Sunday, June 7th, the Agawam Chapter of Unico National will be holding its first annual Unico Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club.

According to Joseph J. Conte, Jr., first vice-president of the Unico chapter and chairman of the upcoming tournament, this event will feature a hole-in-one contest and many prizes for everyone. What's more, there will be a complete steak dinner at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, following the tournament.

The tournament will be a scramble, best ball format, and tickets are \$50 per person/\$200 per foursome.

Tickets and additional information are available by calling Joseph J. Conte, Jr., 786-6700, Gene Mutti, 786-7644, or John Conte, 786-9518.

## "Senior Games" To Be Held At Forest Park June 12th-14th

June 12th-14th and the Senior Games are approaching rapidly. It is time to sign-up and refresh your skills.

Shuffleboard practice will be held at Forest Park every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) with Janice Schermerhorn. You can practice any day on your own as long as the clubhouse is open. Anyone wishing to learn the game and rules is more than welcome.

There are many more events that are available. If you want to participate and need information and an application form, see or call Gail Freeman at the Senior Center (786-0400, ext. 242). You can also contact an ASGA member or come to their meeting on April 16th (the third Thursday of the month) at the Senior Center.

There are also volunteer opportunities. It is a great way to meet people, exercise, and have fun.

## Try-Outs To Be Held This Saturday And Sunday For 10-12 & 13-17 Suburban Softball

There will be try-outs held for girls interested in playing suburban softball this summer at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, May 30th, and Sunday, May 31st.

For the girls' 10-12 try-outs, the time will be at 4:00 p.m. on both days. Call Nancy Cullen at

789-0789 or Tom Borsari at 789-4691 for more information.

For the girls' 13-17 try-outs, the time will be at 5:00 p.m. on both days. Call Rich Mulberry at 786-5682 for more information.

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## Baywest Avalanche Pee Wee "A" Hockey Has Exciting Season

The Baywest Avalanche Pee Wee "A" hockey team completed a successful season by winning the Lower Cape Tournament on March 27th, 28th, and 29th in Orleans, MA.

This was the climax to a very exciting year for the players, coaches, and their families. In addition to winning the Cape Tournament, the Avalanche also won the Skate 3 Christmas Tournament in Tyngsboro, MA, over the 1997 Christmas holiday vacation.

In both of these tournaments, Baywest had the opportunity to play against teams from Eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York, as well as teams from Western Massachusetts. In both tournaments, Baywest showed that Western Massachusetts hockey is every bit as good as other areas of the state and region.

In addition to competing in these tournaments, Baywest also competed in the Greater Springfield Junior Hockey League in the Pee Wee "A" division. This division proved to be very competitive throughout the year, thus resulting in many spirited games and nurturing a number of intense rivalries throughout the year.

Over the course of the evaluation season and regular season, the Avalanche posted a very respectable 16-4-4 record, which qualified them for second place in the regular-season standings (just two points from finishing first).

In February, Baywest played in the State District Number 6 Playdowns and were beaten in the semi-final round in a "shootout" by a very competitive WTM team, who went on to represent District Number 6 in the State Tournament in Melrose, MA.

Despite being very disappointed at the loss, the Avalanche came right back later the same day and defeated the same WTM team in a regular-season GSL game. That is a good indication of the pride and determination this team showed all year.

In the playoffs in March, the Avalanche did not fare as well as they would have liked. They played a round robin format tournament with teams from Bay State (Auburn, MA), Ludlow, and Tri City. All three playoff games proved to be extremely competitive, with Baywest losing to Bay State, tying Tri-City in an excellent game, and losing to Ludlow at the buzzer.

Despite the disappointment, the Avalanche decided to close the season out at the Cape Tournament and showed everyone what they are really made of. In the Cape Tournament, the Avalanche played teams from Middlesex, Lower Cape, and Dorchester, and met Tri-City in an all-GSL Championship game which was probably the most exciting game the Avalanche played all year. This game was a mirror of every game between these two teams all year.

Over the course of the season, Baywest and Tri-City played each other four times. Baywest won one game, 4-2, and the other three ended in ties. So going into this game, everyone knew it would be a good one.

Both teams came into the game tired but determined. Baywest displayed a close checking style which kept Tri-City off-balance most of the game. There was a lot of action and excitement in this one, as Baywest went on to defeat Tri-City, 3-1.

Both teams showed that there is a high level of hockey being played in Western Massachusetts, and we all should be proud of these teams.

The 1997-98 Baywest Avalanche were coached this year by Howie Pevlin and Buzz Collette as Head Coaches, and Rick Borsari and Todd Peetros as Assistant Coaches.

They were led on the ice by Captain Mike Perron and Alternate Captains Marc Cowles and Ben Crum. The goaltending was handled by Matt Bokuniewicz, and the defense included Mike Peetros, Ben Crum, Mike Perron, and Jeff Trauschke.

The forwards were Robbie Harlow, Robbie Brodeur, Chris Nault, Richie Borsari, Danny Beauchemin, Mike Coughlin, Mike Gallagher, J.D. Korrepta, and Marc Cowles. Val Beauchemin served as Team Rep. and also took care of the uniforms. (Thanks, Val.)

The players and coaches would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for all of the time and support you have given us over the last seven months. We really appreciate it.

And finally, on behalf of the coaching staff, we would like to thank the players for a very enjoyable season. It has been fun.

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**MEMBERS OF THE BAYWEST AVALANCHE:** Front row - Robbie Brodeur, Richie Borsari, Mike Peetros, and Mike Perron. Middle row - Mike Gallagher, Jeff Trauschke, Ben Crum, Mike Coughlin, Marc Cowles, Dan Beauchemin, and Matt Bokuniewicz. Back row - Coach Buzz Collette, Assistant Coach Todd Peetros, Robbie Harlow, Chris Nault, Coach Howie Pevlin, Assistant Coach Rick Borsari, and J.D. Korrepta.

## Mark Chapman Car Show And Picnic Is Scheduled For Sunday, June 7th

Friends, neighbors, and members of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department gathered at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge to organize the second Annual Car Show and Picnic to be held in memory of Correctional Officer Mark Chapman, Sunday, June 7th.

The proceeds from this show and picnic go to the benefit of Mark's daughters, Nicole (15) and Megan (7), and to scholarships to Agawam, Cathedral, and Enrico Fermi High Schools.

This event will be held at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge on Morgan Road, West Springfield on June 7th from 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. There will be pony rides, a bounce house, raffles, DJs, and games for the children.

Tickets for the Car Show and Picnic are \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are free. For information and tickets, contact Ed Coffey, 47 South Florida Drive, Agawam (413-789-0189).

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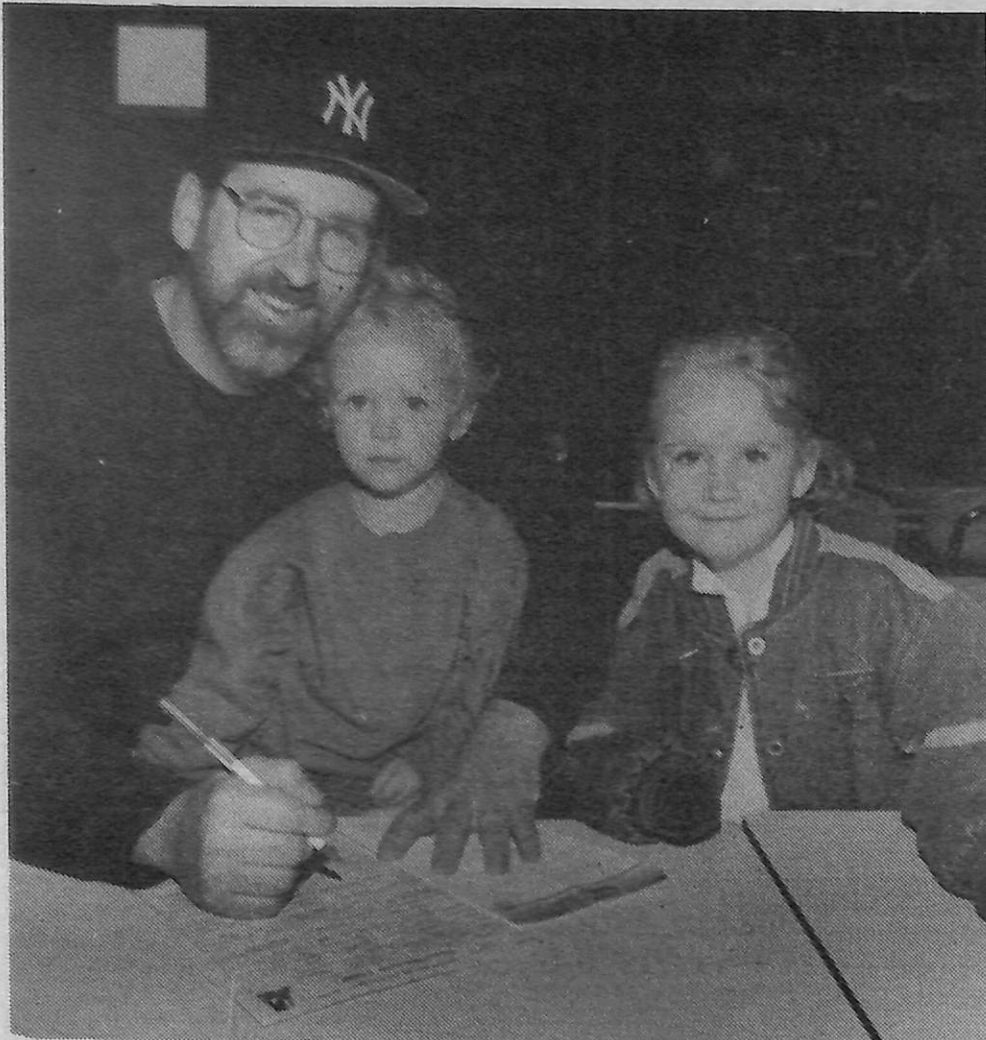


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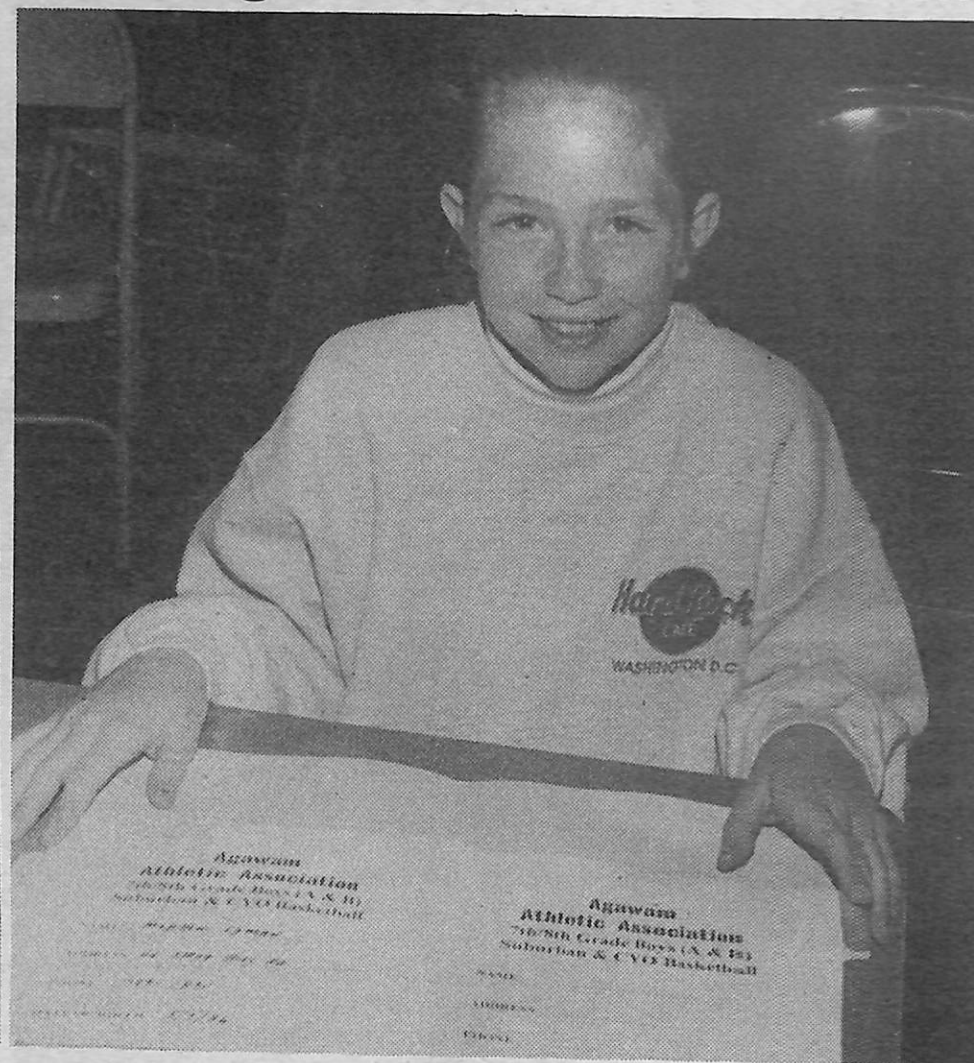


## Sign-Ups For ASA Soccer...

## Looking Forward To Basketball...



IN EARLY MAY, the Agawam Soccer Association held sign-ups for the fall 1998 soccer season at Agawam Middle School. Among those at the sign-ups were Daniel Pender, 2½ year-old Aidan Pender, and five year-old Hannah Pender. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE on Main Street in Agawam, Meghan Kelly demonstrated how easy it is to "sign up" for suburban basketball. The sign-ups were held earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Applicants Sought For Girl Scout Council's Day & Resident Camps

The Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council is now accepting applications for its day and resident camps. Day Camps are located in Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, Wilbraham, and Monson.

Programs are one-week sessions, from Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Camp themes include: Horseback Riding; Passport to the World; Never, Never Land; The Sky's the Limit; Glamour Gimmicks; and more!

Camp Bonnie Brae, located in East Otis, MA, offers overnight camping for girls ages six through 18. Programs are three days to two weeks in length. Session themes include: Playful Pixies; Water Skiing; Bike Mania; High Adventurer; and more!

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Camps offer girls a chance to grow, explore, have fun, and make friends, all within a safe, well-supervised environment. Camps are open to all girls, whether you are a registered Girl Scout or not. So what are you waiting for?! Sign-up today!

For more information, call the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council at 525-4124 or 1-800-639-7047.

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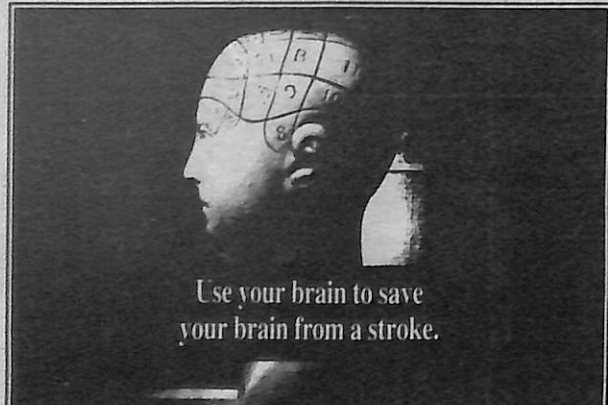
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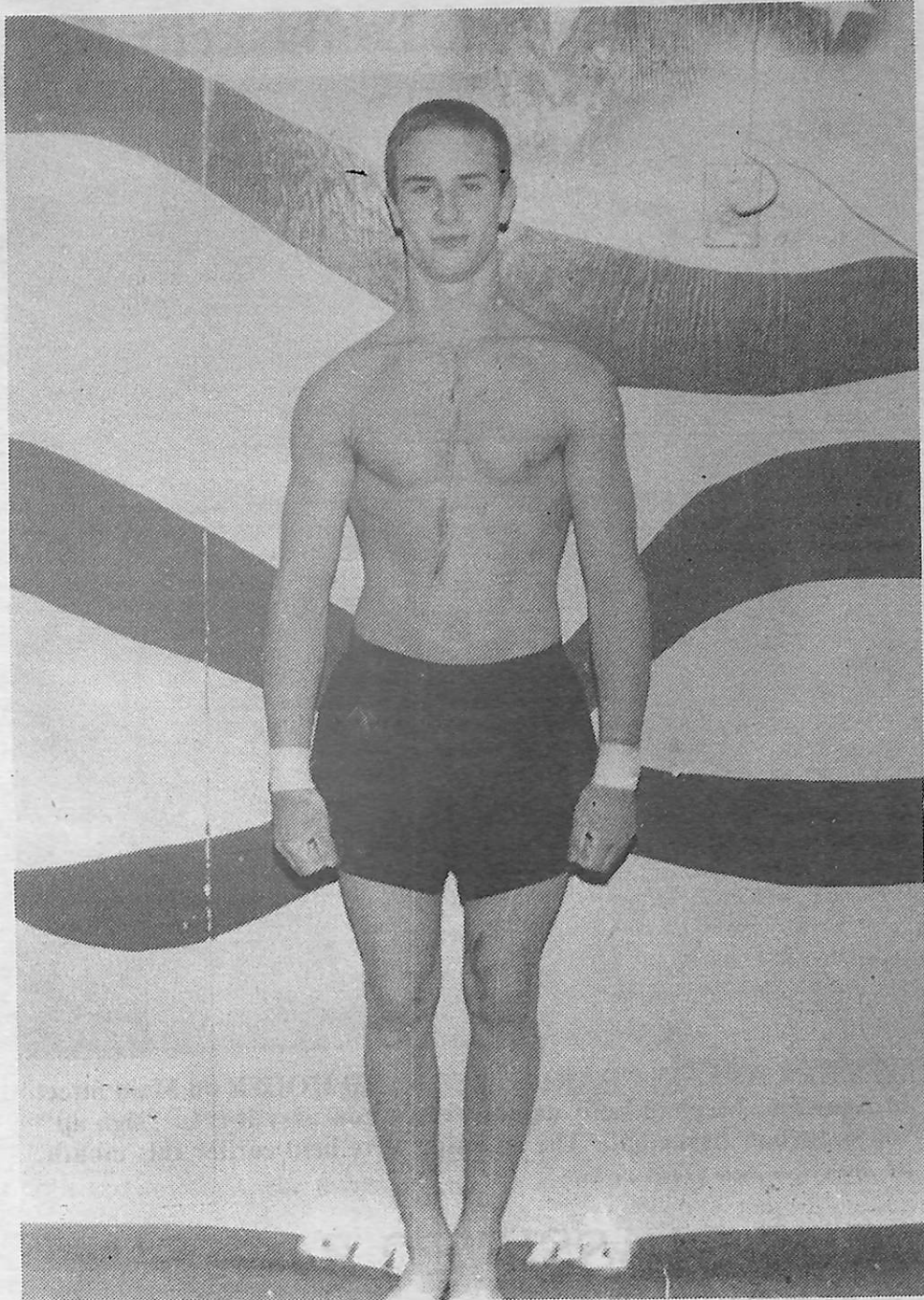


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**JAMEY HOULE OF LONGMEADOW**, competing for Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics of Agawam, recently captured the boys' 14-15 national title. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**COACH TIM DAGGETT** and members of his boys' Junior Olympic National Gymnastics Team - Darren Morace, Steven Gaudette, Patrick McFarland, and Jamey Houle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Tim Daggett's Jamey Houle Captures National 14-15 Boys' Gymnastics Title

In the Boys' Junior Olympic National Gymnastics Championship held recently, Jamey Houle of Longmeadow claimed the national title for boys 14-15 with a winning score of 54.725.

Says Tim Daggett, Jamey's coach and himself a gold medalist from the 1984 Olympics, "Jamey came in 17th in last year's Nationals after placing fifth in the preliminary round. He was determined this year to make the national team and to qualify for the U.S. Championships. Today, he's the national champion, and you can never take that away from him!"

In Division II, Patrick McFarlin placed 11th and qualified to compete in the 1998 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships in August. McFarlin and Houle are both sophomores at Longmeadow High School.

In Junior Elite I, Darren Morace, a senior at Westfield High School, captured fourth in the nation. "Darren had a tough back injury this year which kept him from fully competing in a lot of the tournaments. But he came back big this weekend," said Daggett. Fellow Daggett team member Matt Perry moved up in his national ranking in his second competition at the national level. Perry is a junior at Agawam High School.

In Junior Elite III, ages 12-13, Steve Gaudette placed fifth in the country and Alan Parsons came in 59th in his first national tournament. "Steve had a beautiful competition this weekend," stated Daggett. "He really has promise as a gymnast. Making the national team will give him exposure to a whole new level of competition and training which will help him reach a new level. We are also proud of Alan's first tournament. He's really coming on."

The top six gymnasts on each apparatus for each division advanced to Event Finals. For Division I, Morace is ranked second in the nation on parallel bars and sixth on high bar. In Division II competition, Houle is national champion on pommel horse, second in the country on rings, third on parallel bars, and fourth on horizontal bars.

McFarlin is national champion on vault. For Division III, Gaudette ranks second in the country on floor exercise and sixth on still rings. Fellow coach Todd Henry chimed in, "Patrick had the best meet of his career this weekend; qualifying for the U.S. Championship and bringing home the gold on vault!"

Morace, Houle, McFarlin, and Gaudette from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics qualified

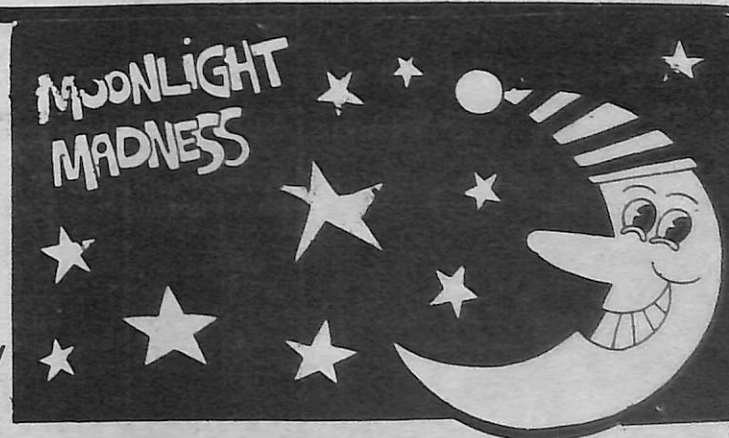
to compete in the 1998 John Hancock U.S. Gymnastics Championships, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana August 19th-22nd. This televised competition will bring together America's top Junior and Senior, male and female gymnasts to determine the USA Gymnastics National Teams. The top seven in each division qualify for the national team status for international competition.

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# TOWN OF AGAWAM, MA PUBLIC HEARING

The following budgets have been submitted to the Agawam Town Council who will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 1998, at 7:30 P.M., at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts. The budgets may be inspected at the Town Clerk's office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The budgets are also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, and the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA. A summary sheet of the budgets is available.

Ursula Retzler

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Council Clerk

## CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 1999 BUDGET

DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
<b>GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>					
Council	\$61,550	\$5,500	\$350	\$0	\$67,400
Mayor	\$196,363	\$108,475	\$0	\$0	\$304,838
Law Department	\$41,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$0	\$86,000
Auditor	\$96,775	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$97,525
Clerk/Elections	\$143,480	\$975	\$0	\$0	\$144,455
Assessor	\$136,628	\$39,175	\$0	\$0	\$175,803
Data Processing	\$99,055	\$575	\$0	\$0	\$99,630
Treasurer/Collector	\$194,560	\$21,162	\$0	\$3,000	\$218,722
Police Department	\$2,540,558	\$39,975	\$12,560	\$101,412	\$2,694,505
Fire Department	\$2,267,609	\$73,676	\$26,500	\$92,800	\$2,460,585
Inspection Services	\$180,962	\$650	\$750	\$0	\$182,362
Health Department	\$292,014	\$4,225	\$2,300	\$0	\$298,539
Community Development	\$90,575	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$91,325
Library	\$457,122	\$40,745	\$112,500	\$5,252	\$615,619
Parks & Recreation	\$103,196	\$10,050	\$2,400	\$20,000	\$135,646
Council on Aging	\$210,697	\$55,275	\$2,500	\$0	\$268,472
DPW Administration	\$66,168	\$200	\$50	\$0	\$66,418
Highway & Grounds	\$784,343	\$213,195	\$270,570	\$85,000	\$1,353,108
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$128,577	\$29,810	\$199,610	\$2,780	\$360,777
Engineering	\$137,952	\$4,825	\$3,035	\$720	\$146,532
Building Maintenance	\$1,356,369	\$833,785	\$99,800	\$14,950	\$2,304,904
Agawam Public Schools					\$22,133,191
Line Items					\$8,256,514
<b>TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>					<b>\$42,562,870</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET</b>					<b>\$1,050,000</b>
<b>SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS</b>					
Wastewater	\$349,957	\$1,691,805	\$35,090	\$32,366	\$2,109,218
Water	\$523,803	\$924,183	\$185,660	\$43,525	\$1,677,171
Golf Course	\$263,052	\$278,296	\$185,202	\$20,000	\$746,550
<b>TOTAL - SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS</b>					<b>\$4,532,939</b>
<b>TOTAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>					<b>\$48,145,809</b>

**TOWN OF AGAWAM**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 1999 - FISCAL YEAR 2003**

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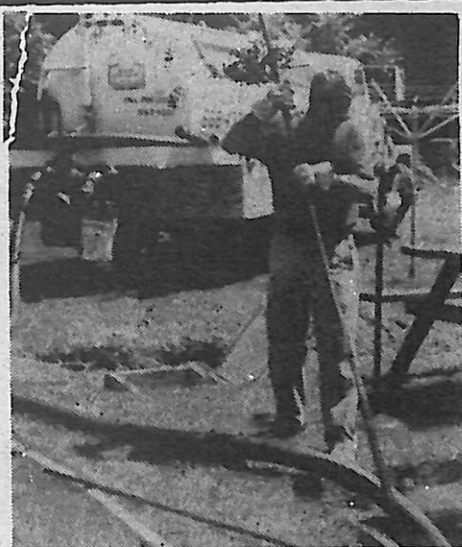
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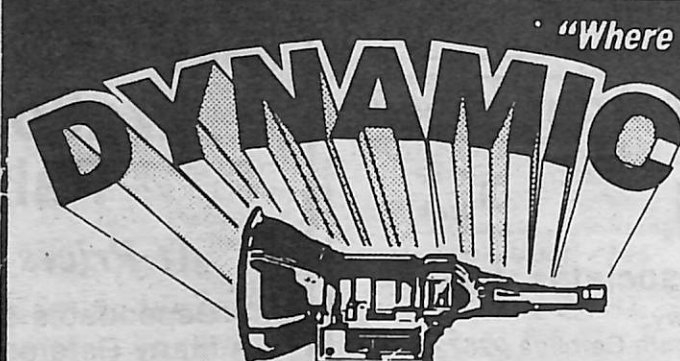


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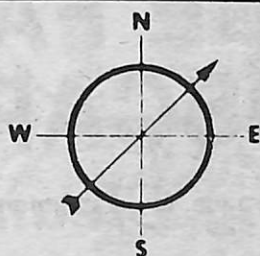
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- Longer Hours: 5 am-10 pm M-F, 7 am-8 pm Sat & Sun!

**Final Week**



### Special Healthy Habits Member Offer includes:

FREE Enrollment (\$198 Value)  
FREE Trial Workout  
FREE Voucher (\$70 Value)  
Special Spouse & Family Discounts!



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**Hurry! Offer ends Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>!**

## GREAT SUMMER FUN!!

For children at

Fitness First's

## Summer Fun and Sports Camp

Fitness First is once again offering 2 exciting weekly camps for children:

- "Small Campers" (ages 4 - 6)
- "Sports Campers" (ages 7 - 12)

Each camp is designed to address the needs and interests of the various stages of your child's life. The common philosophy of both camps is to improve your child's fitness and confidence through participation in a variety of fun programs and activities, in a non-competitive environment.

### Fitness First Facilities:

Fitness First's extensive facilities include an indoor heated pool, basketball, walleyball, fitness center, oversized activity rooms and nearby outdoor play area. Our neighbor, the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, allows us the use of their fields for all outdoor sports.

### Camp Activities:

Activities include indoor swimming pool games, wiffleball, soccer, walleyball, basketball, pizza, movie time and more! All outdoor activities will be held outside, weather permitting. Sport and game activities will be age appropriate.



CALL FITNESS FIRST AT 413-786-1460 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & APPLICATION!

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